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■ **WATERCOLOURS**

OMB sides with condo builders

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The Watercolours condominium development has jumped another hurdle towards getting its 150-unit building erected overlooking Head Lake.

Thursday afternoon the Ontario Municipal Board ruled that the structure could go ahead with the caveat that it must not exceed four storeys and that reduced setbacks from the adjacent property be applied to the parking garage only.

"The bylaw, if it had been approved as written, allowed for a building up to seven storeys high," Alison Mack, the appellant to the OMB, wrote in an email. "Watercolours has now been limited to a height of four storeys. We see this as a significant improvement. At the hearing, the developer was given the opportunity to agree to the height limit but disagreed with that proposal. Now the board has ordered it."

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MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



A raisin's scary future

It's not easy being a raisin in a bowl of raisin bran. Or at least that's what the dancers in the junior musical theatre program at Haliburton Dance Arts had audiences think during the weekend recitals at the Northern Light Pavilion. Kristin Adams, Rachel Churko, Tori Allin, Sam Miller, Alicia Villameer, Christina Stephen and Heather Zahn delighted the crowd with their performance of *I'm A Raisin In A Bowl of Raisin Bran*. More photos on pages 18 and 19, and online at www.haliburtonecho.ca

■ **OHL HOCKEY**

Battalion's super season is over

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

His view from the penalty box in overtime of Game 5 of the OHL finals was not how Haliburton's Matt Duchene imagined his season coming to an end.

But at 1:32 into overtime on May 8, Duchene was assessed an arguable hit-from-behind

penalty and, just 37 seconds later, Windsor's Taylor Hall scored on the power play. The 2-1 overtime win gave the Windsor Spitfires their second-ever OHL championship.

"I don't think that penalty was much of a call, especially in overtime," Duchene said on the Battalion website May 8. "I wasn't that mad at myself. I didn't think the penalty was warranted. Neither did anyone

else on the team. Sometimes it just happens. There's nothing you can do to control it."

Unfortunately the feeling wasn't unfamiliar for the 18-year-old, who may be starting to dislike the number five — it was Game 5 against the Belleville Bulls in round two that Duchene took a questionable tripping penalty in double

See **Hodgson** page 24

Local man dies in car accident

A 27-year-old local man was killed on Saturday morning when he was ejected from his car after it went into the ditch on the Allsaw Flats.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP says that officers were responding to a service call at 3 a.m. on May 9 when they came across the accident on County Road 21 near Robertson Road.

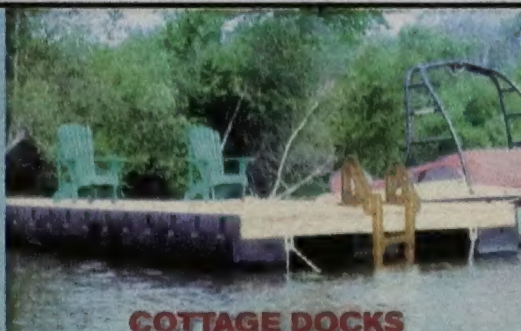
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NEW YEAR'S BABY



Ryanne and Taylor Horsley have all the makings of being wonderful big sisters to Haliburton's 2009 New Year's Baby, Hudson Jason Horsley.



Whenever baby Hudson starts to cry, his older sister Ryanne rubs his hand. He loves it. /Martha Perkins photos

Haliburton hospital welcomes first baby of 2009

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

No one will ever be able to doubt that Hudson Jason Horsley grew up in a small town.

Where else could you be born in May and still be the town's first baby of the year?

Hudson earned the title of 2009 New Year's Baby at 5:20 a.m. on Saturday, May 2. Although he's not the first baby born to Haliburton parents in 2009, he is the first

baby to be born at the Haliburton hospital this year.

He was three days early and took only three hours to join the family of Courtney (née Wilson) and Jason Horsley and their two daughters Ryanne, 4, and Taylor, 2.

It was really important to Hudson's mother that he be born at Haliburton Hospital with the help of Dr. Norm Bottum.

Courtney had had complications after she had an epidural needle when Taylor was born so she knew

she wouldn't want one for Hudson. As well, she really wanted Dr. Bottum to help with the delivery.

"It's more personal," she says, "because he knows you."

Big sisters Ryanne and Taylor are thrilled to be big sisters. Ryanne doesn't remember when Taylor was a baby but she's enjoying helping her parents with Hudson.

"I stop him crying," she says. "I hold his hand and rub his hand and it stops him crying."

FUNDRAISING

SBES places final piece of playground puzzle

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Six years ago Stuart Baker Elementary School began fundraising to give the kids a playground full of equipment for years to come.

On May 6, the final \$36,000 of the \$50,000 project was paid, the last piece of the playground puzzle that includes a hopscotch track, paintings, and a sandbox along with playground equipment.

"Thanks to the community I think [the playground] is one of the best playgrounds in the school board," says principal France Meunier.

With the playground off the balance sheet, Meunier and first-year school council chair Shannon McCracken announced that this year's Hawaiian fun night will raise money for new SMART Boards.

SMART Boards are best described as technological-ly advanced blackboards. The projection screen-style board is connected to high-speed Internet and features unlimited possibilities and ways for kids to learn.

A single SMART Board costs approximately \$3,000 and the school already has five of them with plans to buy six more.

This year's fun night is Thursday, May 14. It costs \$10 per family, regardless of size and includes food, dozens of games and activities.

A silent auction will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and there will also be a Nintendo Wii to be raffled.

Also, is your basement, crawl space, or garage filling



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Kendra Mintz skips on the numbers board, one of many painted learning activities on school property. The \$50,000 playground project is officially paid off.

up with old sports equipment? The school council is asking for gently used sports equipment to help with the fundraiser and give more kids the opportunity to play sports. Suggested items are skates, skis, soccer

shoes, bikes, hockey gear, ski boots, skateboards, or scooters. No helmets or safety equipment please.

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TRAVELLER TRENDS

Tourists want eco-friendly trips

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Tourist demographics are changing and within the next 10 years, businesses catering to the Ontario traveller will need to take into account the new generation of "young go-gos," said Michael Gibbs of Lakeland Alliance.

Gibbs organized a workshop at Birch Cliff Lodge Thursday to encourage business owners to "go green" and protect their lakes as a way of attracting a new brand of eco-friendly tourists.

In 2007, the Ministry of Tourism released a summary of target tourist groups, which Gibbs pointed to as a new way of looking at customer base.

Young go-gos are "young, successful, well-off, multi-ethnic urban trendsetters" – about four per cent of the tourist population – whose travel motivations include "flexibility and ecology."

"That's the first time this kind of data has shown up for the Ministry of Tourism," Gibbs said.

He noted that this group is growing and will reach a tipping point where they will begin to influence trends in tourism.

He told the group that travellers are becoming more attuned to ethical and environmental features of their destinations and that business owners "need to tell them how you care for the environment" in order to get their patronage.

As an example, Bonnie Hamilton of Pine Vista Resort described how her property has become more sensitive to the environment by replanting the shoreline with native flowers and shrubs.

When people come to stay at her resort, this attention to the surrounding ecosystem is part of their experience.

Hamilton said Pine Vista Resort began the process in 2000 as part of waterfront restoration project with Friends of the Trent Severn Waterway.

She continues with the work today, building a boardwalk through wetlands for visitors to see and installing geothermal heating for the pool and a few large buildings.

Young go-gos are looking for value-added experiences, an emphasis on local from food to terrain and do their travel planning and purchasing on the Internet.

He pointed to experiential packages as being one of the up-and-coming trends in tourism and pointed to Wilberforce's geocaching marketing as an example.

Other workshop sessions during the morning focused on what businesses located on lakes could do to preserve shoreline or return it to a healthy state.

There were presentations by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of the Environment on best practices for shorelines and some information on how fish populations are doing.

According to some at the meeting, Baptiste Lake has turned into a poor fishing location over the years, which in turn has decreased tourism to the area.

The MNR representative, Erin MacDonald, said that the government is working on fish population studies, but can only do a little at a time.

A study of Baptiste Lake is scheduled for 2010. If it is warranted, stocking lake trout will be done after the study, although MacDonald noted that stocking doesn't happen where healthy native lake trout populations exist.



JENN WATT/ECHO

Erin MacDonald of the Bancroft district Ministry of Natural Resources tells workshop participants about plans to study fish populations in area lakes.

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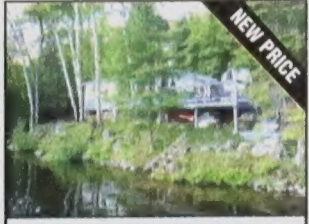
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A new community

There was definitely a sense of excitement in the air on Thursday afternoon when news about the Ontario Municipal Board's decision to approve Watercolours development began to spread.

The OMB judges gave the 150-unit condominium building their blessing, allowing planners to continue working on all the challenges facing them as they create a village unto itself on the shores of Head Lake in Haliburton.

Not everyone is happy that such a large building will have such a dominant presence on the lake, but most people tempered that reaction with the realization that such a project is very much needed in this community. Yes, the construction and operation of the complex will create jobs but, more importantly, Watercolours will give

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people a much-needed housing option. Not only is it conceivable to live there if you don't have a car but services will be geared to need as residents age. Those considerations outweigh, for many people,

any regret about the loss of shoreline.

It's a bit disquietening, nonetheless, to have the OMB judges dismiss concerns that Watercolours doesn't fit in with the character of Haliburton. Haliburton, the judges said, has no discernible character therefore there's nothing for Watercolours to conform to. That hurts, not because the judges are wrong in their assessment of our fair town but because they're right. While the county is known for its lakes and forests, Haliburton village itself is a hodgepodge of building styles. Ironically, for such a rural area, there's very little land on which to build and those who did build were often underfinanced. One of the fascinating insights of the Haliburton museum's book of historic photographs is that while there were some early businessmen who invested in Haliburton's main street, most left because they couldn't afford to make a living here. Their pretty buildings fell into disrepair and were torn down.

It's almost as if Haliburton could never afford to have a sense of history. Preservation of what once was – such as the bucolic Wallings field where the Halbiem development is now located – is a luxury. Maybe that's Haliburton's character.

Dysart council is aware of what we have to gain, and lose, with the Watercolours development. It will continue to protect local interests while allowing progress. The Watercolours developers have also demonstrated that they believe in this project for its social value. It's a good partnership. The public should continue to monitor the plans and express concerns but it can be done in good faith.

Now that the project is moving ahead, the next hope is that whenever and wherever possible, the developers hire local tradesmen and buy local supplies. This community is giving them a golden opportunity to create a new housing community on the shores of a pretty lake. Watercolours can repay the favour by keeping as many dollars in the community as possible.



Spring daffodils

Photo by Matt James

Earth day - every day

Earth Day is celebrated around the world every spring (which is autumn in the southern hemisphere). Celebrated is probably the wrong word; observed is more like it, and probably not all over the world, either.

While it's heartening to see folks picking up bottles and rubbish along our highways, and generally cleaning up our neighbourhoods, Earth Day for about two-thirds of the earth's population is just another day of trying to find food.

Food is the most critical problem the world faces on this particular Earth Day. Food shortages very quickly cause failed states – countries stop functioning due to their government's inability to supply food or food security; they tend to become lawless and devolve into chaos. Somalia is one current example where a failed government has led to piracy along its coastline, as well as mayhem throughout the country. Afghanistan is an example of a failing state that continue to harbour terrorist cells, and is the world's leading supplier of heroin. Iraq is also in the terrorist training business. Rwanda is still trying to overcome the horrors of genocide (1994) and refugees are destabilizing the neighbouring Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Adding to the food problem is another constant crisis that, incredibly, still meets a certain amount of resistance even in civilized societies (like the U.S.A): Global bloody Warming. Yes it's a fact, all you Republicans! George was lying to you!

Crops are down everywhere, including North America. And while we are very capable of producing boatloads of grain right now, this won't

last if we allow our land to become a vast desert. (Have you ever noticed how much of the U.S.A is desert?)

Failing water tables and rising temperatures are playing havoc with our soils, and while it seems incredible that our fair continent could be threatened by agricultural problems, it is very

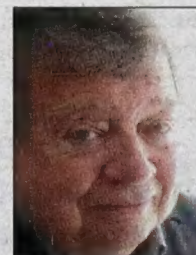
real, and yet another thing that our younger generations will have to solve. (This could be the longest "to do" list ever handed to any group of young people.)

Swine flu is the result of our present-day methods of animal husbandry – a system that has gone from the small farmer to the mega-farm where thousands of hogs/cows/chickens/turkeys are jammed into vast pens that are very susceptible to disease. Differing standards and regulations from one country to another also comes

into play allowing local diseases to take hold and become widespread epidemics.

So Earth Day has its work cut out in the coming years. Here in Canada we came up with Earth Month (April) which is a step in the right direction. Earth Days or Months will eventually have to become Earth Years, because we can't allow something as trivial as a special day-long activity to put our global conscience to rest when the day is over.

Maybe we have to come up with something to replace Earth Day. Like Earth Monday. Earth Tuesday. Etc. Yes, this is the ticket. Make Earth Saving Rules for every day of the week. Earth Monday. Earth Tuesday. Earth Wednesday. Earth Thursday. Earth Friday. Earth Saturday. Earth Sunday.



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Tough Love

This weekend while turkey hunting, my hunting buddy and I saw something everyone thinks about at one time or another.

That's right, as we sat there quietly at the edge of a field, two porcupines began their mating ritual in a tree a short distance away.

Well, actually, I was not really sure that they were mating. They could have been fighting too. Whatever the case, I can say with some authority that this performance had all the hallmarks of mating.

tales from



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First, the male charged up the tree towards the female at a speed that you would have never guessed that mature males of that species could possibly attain.

Then the female deftly avoided him and backed off, presumably feigning a headache.

Though you couldn't be certain, from our vantage point it then appeared as if he offered her some aspirin and a glass of water and

perhaps even a complimentary foot rub. This prompted her to begin screaming like a banshee at him. He then begged pathetically, they wrestled a bit, there was more wailing (this time from both parties), and she hissed and snarled. Then hackles were raised and ears folded back. More wailing and then several incredibly clumsy bouts of gyration and fumbling followed this. After that, there was momentary contact, some silence and heavy breathing and an awkward apology.

All the while, too, the female porcupine seemed to be preoccupied, counting the leaves in a neighbouring tree. Yup, it sure looked like mating to me.

After 45 minutes of watching this, I looked to my hunting buddy and said, "You know, I kind of miss my wife."

"Me too," he replied.

It didn't take a genius to see why either. If you removed all the blood-curdling wails, bared teeth, and attempted impalings, it sort of reminded me of early on in our courtship. It also didn't hurt that the spring woods were alive with romance. Amidst the wildflowers birds were pairing up.

Heck, even the turkeys that we were hunting were intent on breeding.

With that in mind, when I returned yesterday, I thought that it might be time to rekindle a little romance in my own relationship.

Maybe, I thought, I might even show my wife a trick or two that the porcupines had taught me. So after I unpacked and shaved, I looked her square in the eyes and asked a question that I hadn't asked in years.

"How are you at tree climbing?" I said suavely.

"Why do you ask?" she said, feigning innocence with a puzzled look.

"No reason," I assured her as I winked. "But there's this old maple tree out back."

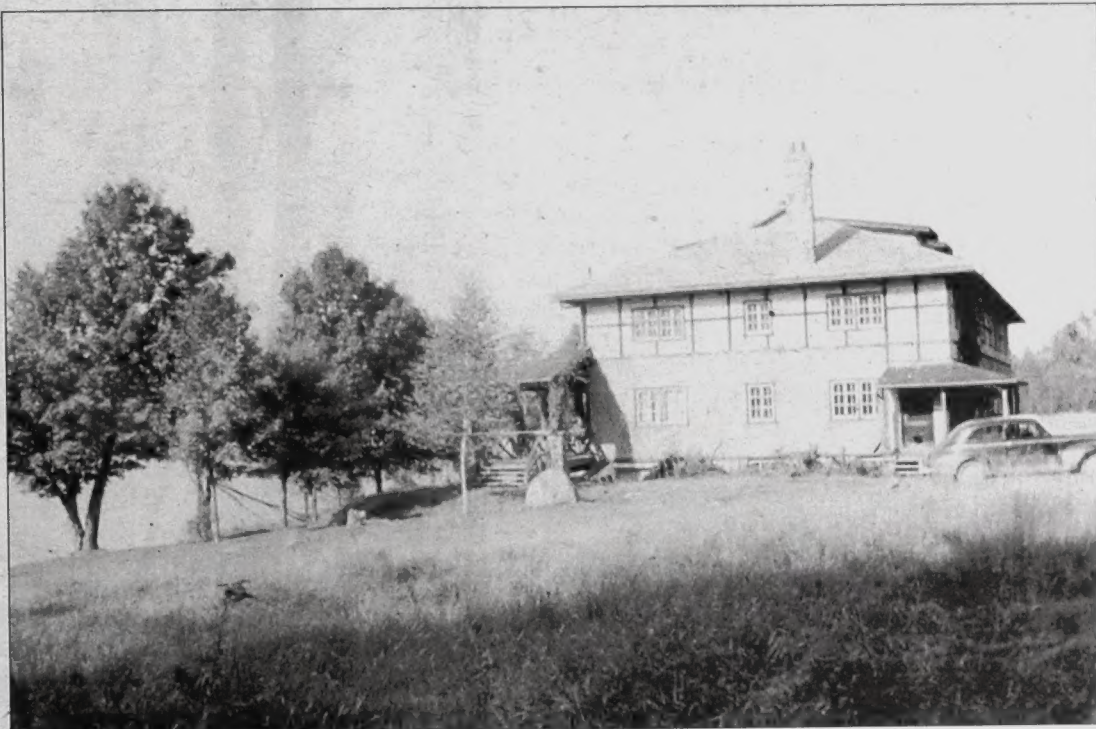
When we got there, I explained my intentions.

I won't describe all the gory details. Suffice it to say that the next minute or two witnessed a couple of charges and feints, some wailing, a headache claim, an offer of aspirin, a glass of water and, if I recall correctly, a foot rub.

Also hackles were raised, ears were folded back and this was followed several incredibly clumsy bouts of fumbling.

Afterwards, there was momentary contact, some silence, heavy breathing and, finally, an awkward apology.

That's when I finally realized the truth. Those porcupines had been fighting.



pic of the past

Sir Sam Hughes, the Lindsay newspaper owner and First World War federal cabinet minister, might have been a controversial character to many Canadians, but the people of Eagle Lake felt much pride when he decided to build his hunting lodge on the shores of their lake. This photo, probably taken in the 1930s, is from the collection of Joe Iles, whose uncle, Lee Clark, was the property manager. The property is now Sir Sam's Inn.

letters to the editor

Travellers should be informed

Re: Haliburton couple in Conquest holiday storm

To the Editor:

Our sympathy goes to Shannon Cole on her disappointing and expensive experience with the now defunct Conquest Vacations. In her interview, published in the *Echo* of May 5, she is quoted as saying that she is not convinced that booking through a travel agency would have solved her problems.

We want to take this opportunity to state again that we completely disagree with that statement.

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Linda Coneybeare and Ashley Pierson
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Fantastic job Loop Troupe

To the Editor:

Bravo to the Loop Troupe in its recent production of *The Island of Anyplace*. The cast, costumes, technical crews and the backstage gang outdid themselves, plus the one who was the creative

"glue", Valerie French – we bow to you Madame Director!

Thanks to all,
Margaret and Bill Jeske
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SUMMER FESTIVAL GALA

Audience happy to see how von Trapps grew up

To the Editor:

Re: "Singing with the kids from the von Trapp family from the 2004 production of *The Sound of Music*" (Highlands Summer Festival gala, April 21). I would like to offer a postscript, a postlude, if you will, to Matt James's story.

The kids singing "Doe, a deer" with Kate Campbell (Maria, 2004) in the photo will star in the Highland Summer Festival's 2009 production of *Annie*. On the night of the gala, five of the seven original von Trapp children from the 2004 *Sound of Music* production returned to perform "So Long, Farewell" and "Edelweiss" as the finale. As they were introduced, the audience audibly delighted to see how the children had grown.

I felt moved, as I'm sure Kate did, to be invited to sing together again with Justin vanLieshout, Jocelyn Regina, Shane Dibblee, Claire Flatman, and Clarissa Greaves. We missed seeing Jordyn Archer and Lauren Snelgrove who were unable to attend.

Thank you Jack Brezina for inviting us to return.

Cheers!

The Reverend Christopher Greaves (Captain von Trapp, father of Clarissa "Gretl," husband to Dianne "Nun," from the 2004 cast) and fond *Echo* reader after nearly five years since moving from Haliburton to Bowmanville.



Spring cleaning

It took four hours for Harold Foyster and James Ellis to clean up all the garbage that's been thrown over the side of Fred Jones Drive east of Haliburton. The two neighbours collected 60 tires, a television, playpen, electric typewriter and battery charger that had been tossed overboard by people who didn't want to drive to the dump. Dysart et al road crews arrived to pick up everything – two tandem loads of garbage. It's not a pretty reflection on the people of Haliburton.

Photo submitted by Harold Foyster

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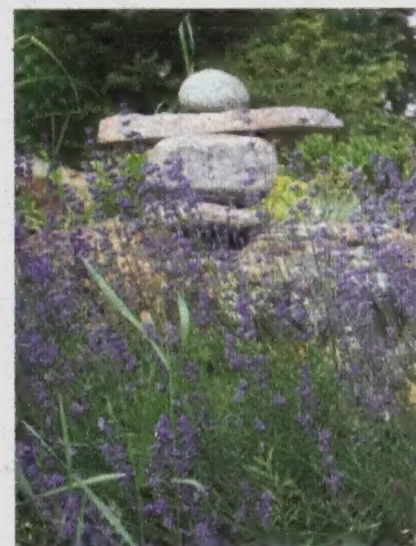
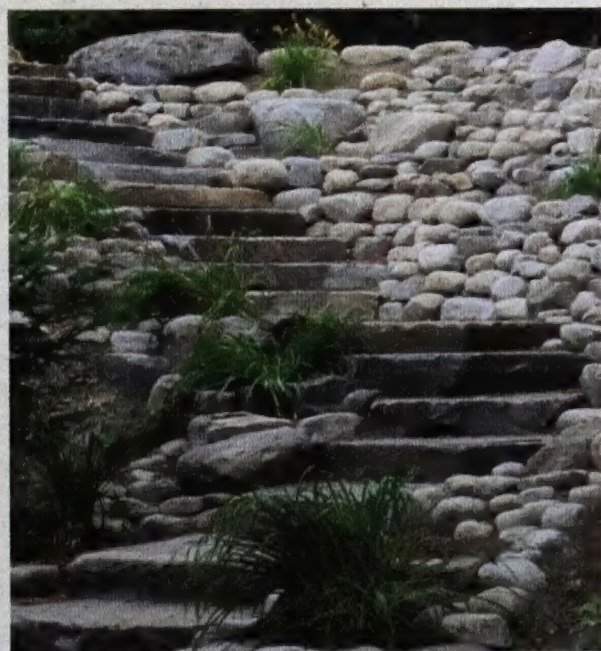
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in ICI for Re/max worldwide.

The real-estate veteran, with close to 25 years experience, specializes in large wilderness waterfront investment properties. Pristol sells property in Haliburton, Parry Sound, Muskoka areas as well as throughout Ontario.

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Silver Beach starts digging

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Construction of the first phase of Silver Beach housing development on Wigamog Road is well underway and owner Gerry Kowalski says the project is right on track.

"We're currently installing all underground services," said Kowalski on May 8 in an interview with the *Echo*.

The water and sewer systems are installed first, followed by hydro, telephone, and propane.

"Nothing is above ground," said Kowalski. "Having no wires or anything above ground is great for aesthetics and

it's also a lot safer."

The project began last summer with the preparation of land; the ground-breaking was April 1. The pouring of the first foundation is set for early July with the first move planned for October.

"So far it's been really good," said Kowalski. "We've found all aggregate materials on site. No importing of materials is needed so far and hopefully we won't need to. There's been a few challenges with some rocks, but that will be used for our landscape material."

Kowalski says Silver Beach has surpassed its sales goals with 25 per cent of the properties sold.

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Silver Beach project manager Randall Pugh points out the water and sewage lines on the Silver Beach construction site on May 8.



A small construction team digs and moves dirt on May 8 at the Silver Beach property on Wigamog Road. Owner Gerry Kowalski says construction is on schedule.

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Developers hope building can start next spring

from page 1

The original bylaw issued by the municipality had dictated that the seniors' lifestyle building be a maximum height of 22.3 metres, but did not specify storeys.

The number of storeys was a central issue in the OMB hearings in March, as well as with community members concerned about the size of the building.

The intention of the developer was never to make the building seven-storeys tall, Hal Kersey of the Mady Development Corporation said in an interview.

"A technicality is what we're dealing with here. What happened was the municipality did not regulate in the zoning bylaw – as a matter of course they don't – the number of storeys in the building," he said.

Because Watercolours will have a "near North" feel, nine-foot ceilings and a peaked roof are planned, which will account for the height, he said.

On the Head Lake side of the building there will be the appearance of five storeys because of the exposed lower level, but technically the building will have four storeys, he said.

"We had provided a conceptual sketch that showed a four-storey building. It

shows five levels in the front and four in the back where the main entrance is and the technicality is that the lowest level isn't a storey within the meaning of the zoning bylaw or the meaning of the Ontario Building Code because it is predominantly lower than the average finished grade around the building," Kersey said.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey is happy with the OMB's decision, but wishes the issue could have been resolved without such a lengthy process.

"A little more compromise and a little less confrontation probably would be a good thing in a lot of communities, not just in this case," he said. "I feel very good about [the decision] because our planning documents stood up, council decisions stood up and our planner was certainly giving us good advice and we're very proud of her."

The municipality's planner, Pat Martin, gave evidence at the hearing.

The OMB decision document breaks down its findings issue by issue as presented at the hearing. The two board members, Joseph Snizek and Gary O'Connor, begin with whether the zoning bylaw conforms to the official plans of the county and municipality in respect to the village of Haliburton and the



This is an updated version of the Watercolours project. It's on the old Fleming College site.

shore lands of Head Lake.

"The board concludes that Ms. Martin's evidence is consistent with the pattern of development that exists in the community and that council made a reasonable decision in the circumstances," the document reads.

The second issue is whether the zoning bylaw conforms to the provincial policy statement, which the board said it does.

"The board prefers the evidence of Ms. Martin that supports a new form of housing with services for seniors," the document says.

The third issue tackles whether the bylaw and development is appropriate in terms of height, density, setbacks, landscaping and parking.

This is where Mack did make some headway with the board members, who said the "bylaw should be revised to clarify that the setback is reduced for the parking structure only."

Previously there had been no specification of how much space between the Watercolours development and the property owned by Michael Barnes would be.

The board also said that 1.2 parking spaces per unit would be adequate.

The final issue concerned the character of Haliburton village, which took up much of the March hearing.

"There appears to be no strong or distinctive character that the board can

determine from the visual or expert testimony ..." the board wrote. The document also appears to have been poorly copyedited, referring to a concurrent OMB decision by Snizek on the Links of Kent in Chatham twice on page 9.

Watercolours will fit in with Haliburton nicely, Fearrey said.

"They definitely fit in, there's no doubt about it. These people are not putting something up here that won't fit in and that people won't buy because it doesn't look right," he said.

Mack and Stephen Foster, another concerned resident of Haliburton, said they were disappointed with the overall OMB decision, but that they got a lot of concessions in the bylaw during their pre-hearing consultations.

They said they were glad there would be more housing for seniors.

Now that the OMB has given Watercolours the go-ahead, they will begin with a litany of studies and plans required by the municipality including a hydro-geological report, confirmation of sewage capacity, plans for internal sewer system, demonstration of supply of water, a permit to take water and plans for a water treatment system, an assessment by the Ministry of the Environment and a responsibility agreement with Dysart for its private communal water system.

If all goes well, Kersey thinks shovels will hit dirt in the spring of 2010.



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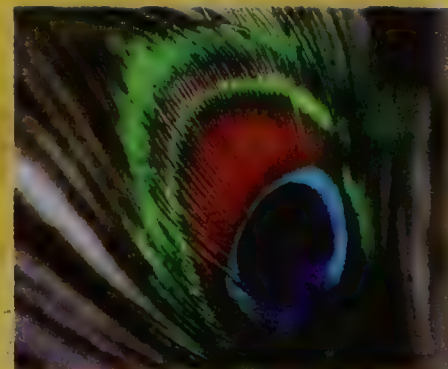
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PROM WORKSHOP

Party in the right spirit

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Telling teenagers not to do something may as well be an invitation for them to do the exact opposite.

And while that reality might be hard for some to swallow, it is exactly why the Haliburton Highlands community action group on alcohol and drugs, the local health unit, and more than 50 community organizations are reaching out to students to try to get them to "Party In The Right Spirit."

The interactive workshop helps students plan safer pre- and post-prom parties. It was launched by Karen Pettinella, a health promoter with the health unit.

"We talk to them in a very real way and give them the skills they need to make the right decisions," Pettinella said at the May 6 event.

After an opening assembly that featured a video of real-life stories of impaired driving and presentations from an emergency nurse, the EMS, and local police, Grade 12 students were split into groups for additional presentations regarding party issues such as impairment, planning a party, and decision-making about sex.

Lunch was served in the gym where students were also encouraged to interact with dozens of trade show booths such as The Bridge Youth Centre, Crime Stoppers, and 4CAST Addiction Services.

Just outside the gym doors was an impaired driving simulator. Students wore Fatal Vision goggles and had to a) unlock the car and get in and b) try to drive without crashing.

Cody Pringle managed to get in the car but she soon crashed into the front of bus.

So why do teenagers drink? And do students think a program such as Party In The Right Spirit can help in better decision-making?

Jocelyn Townsend and Katlyn Hollands are going to prom this year and they believe kids drink to celebrate.

"Some people just do it 'cause everyone else does it," said Katlyn, who agreed that isn't a good reason.

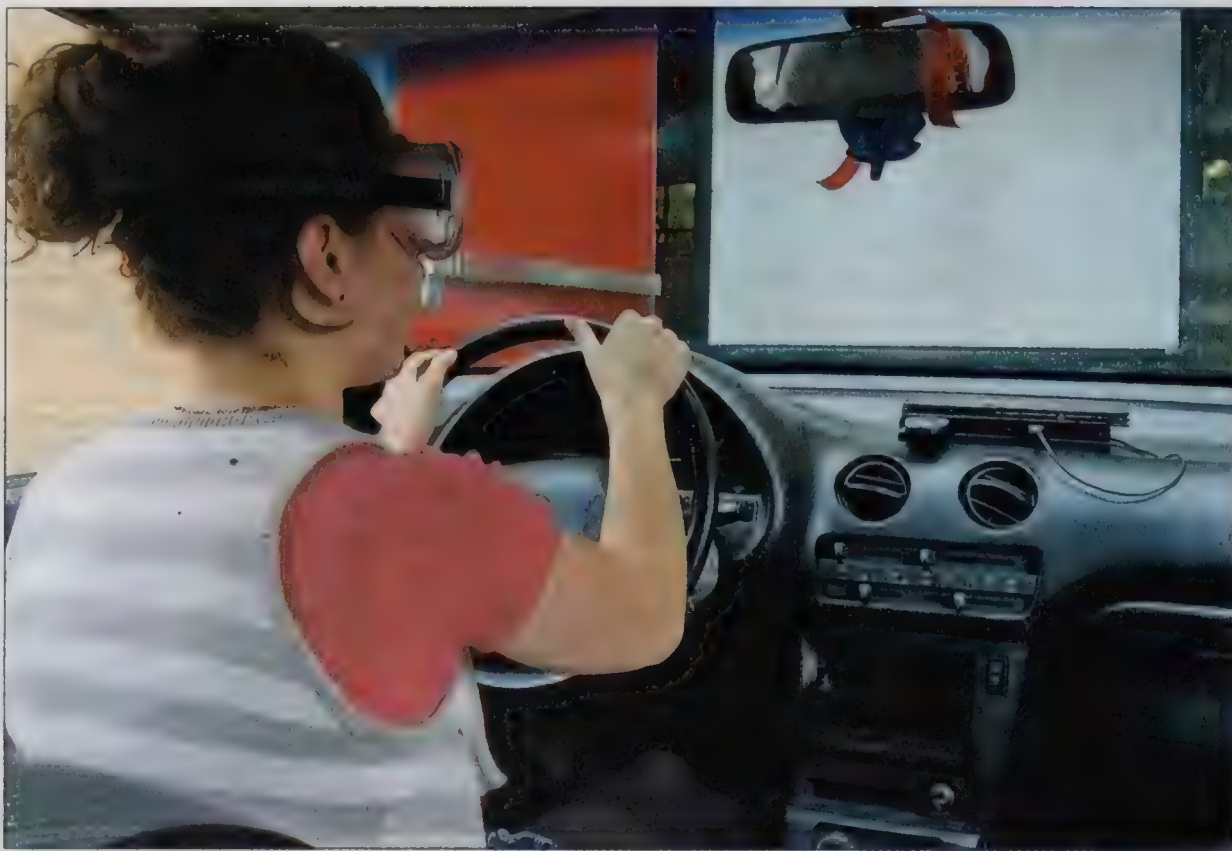
Erica McMartin notes that peer pressure remains part of the reason that some students drink. "It's just a teenager thing," she said.

Students agreed that the Party In The Right Spirit workshops were a good idea and were something kids could learn from.

Another graduating student, Chloe Kitchman,



Const. Mark McMaster speaks with a class of graduating students about impaired driving.



MATT JAMES/ECHO

Cody Pringle gets behind the wheel of Fatal Vision, an impaired driving simulator designed to give students an idea of how difficult it is to drive under the influence of alcohol, in hopes that they'll never get behind the wheel if they've had a drink.

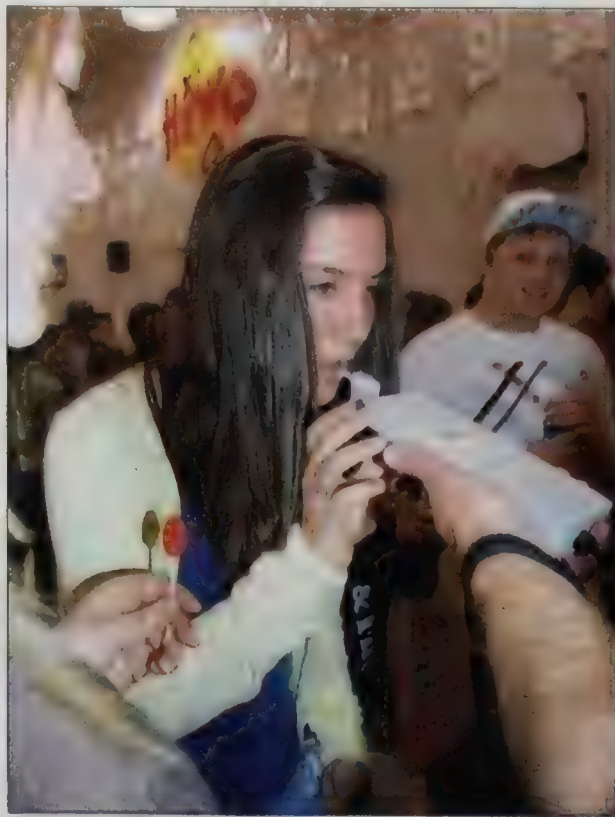
agreed that Party In The Right Spirit is a great idea but she says it could be extended to younger students.

"I think they should do this for Grade 9 and 10 students," said Chloe.

Reaching out to younger students about alcohol and drugs is important, she says, because by the time students reach Grade 12 they've already experimented.

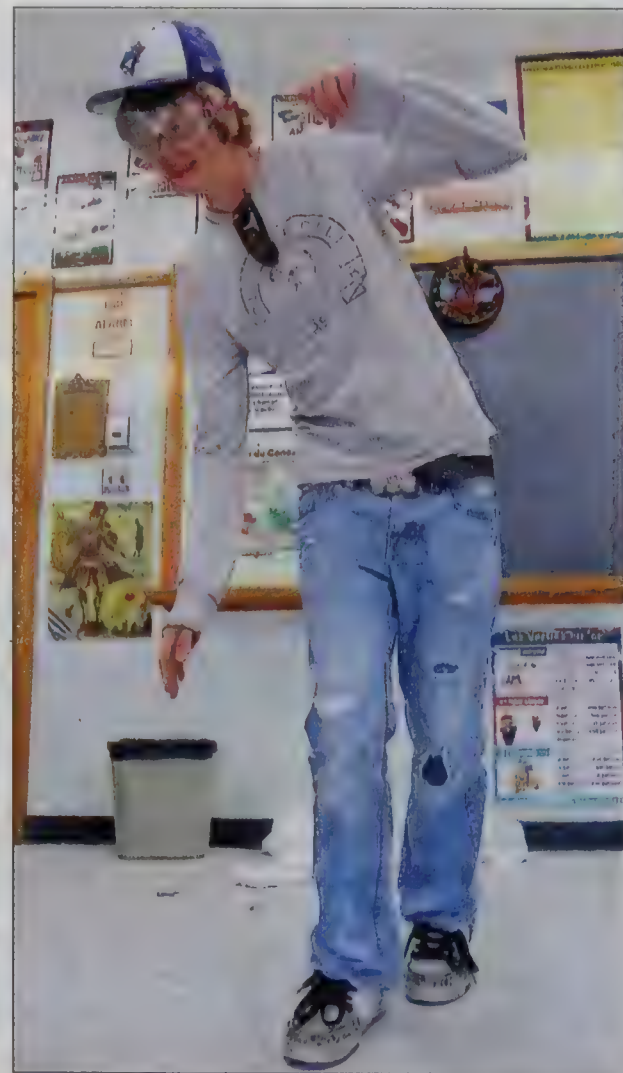
The potential dangers, she says, aren't as likely with graduating students as they might be with Grade 9 and 10 students dealing with more intense peer pressure or entertaining the thought of experimenting with alcohol or drugs.

Pettinella says the health unit has been moving in that direction and will certainly reach out and include the younger students in next year's event, perhaps having the seniors act as mentors for the juniors.



Before blowing into a breathalyzer Sophia Rico swished some Scope. She of course blew over because the product contains alcohol.

If parents want more information regarding Party In The Right Spirit call Karen Pettinella at the health unit at 457-1391. And to see what the kids said about Party In The Right Spirit visit our website, www.haliburton-echo.ca.



Grade 12 student Fred Mayl is no Johnny Cash but he does his best to walk the line while wearing impaired vision goggles. Walking the line was one of dozens of activities students attempted during a workshop with Const. Mark McMaster of the Haliburton Highlands OPP.



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Young driver ejected from car in early morning accident

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Haliburton to his home in Minden Hills when, police say, his BMW went into the south ditch and rolled over.

The police say that his body was found outside the car. A passerby was calling 911 at the same time the police arrived, says Const. Mark McMaster.

Paramedics transported Smith to Haliburton hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Smith grew up in Haliburton and was a graduate of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and worked for Hydro One.

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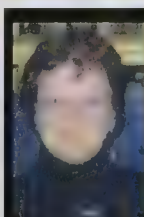
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The entire production company got Dance Fever in a fast-moving and energetic grand finale that was as dazzling as the costumes.

Dance Extravaganza!

Haliburton Dance Arts students delight the weekend crowds at Northern Lights Pavilion recitals

• Photos by Martha Perkins •



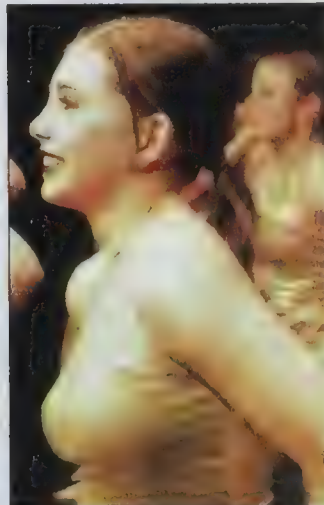
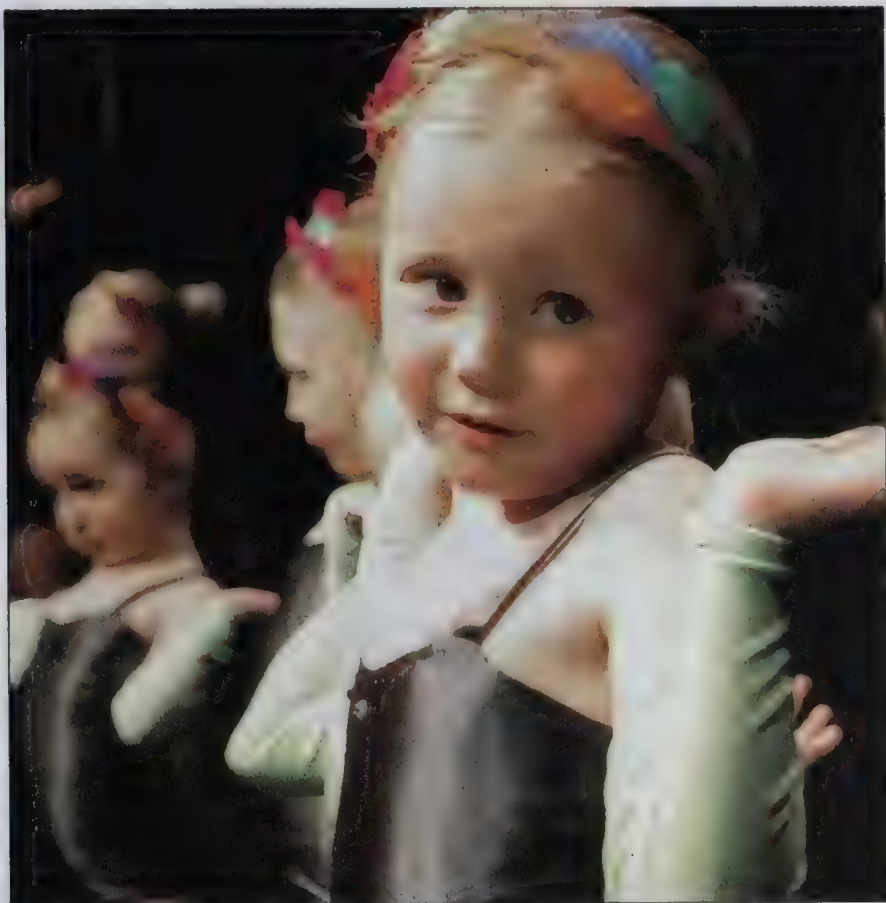
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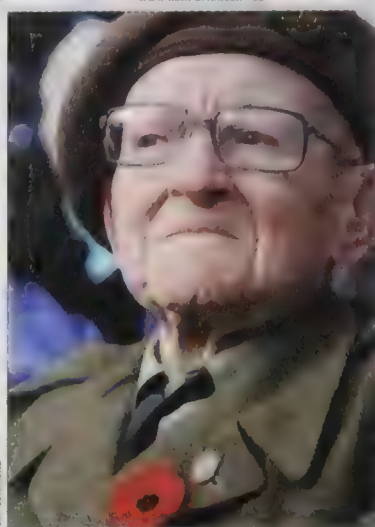
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Remembering the fallen

**Young men
seriously
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ALTHOUGH THE INQUIRY REPORT has not yet been released, two young men were seriously injured in a car accident on Highway 10 in Uxbridge.

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The two young men, who were both students at a local high school, were taken to the hospital and are expected to make a full recovery.

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Fashion's flame at dusk

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'Steve Galea, while he might be an 'old white guy', knows how to do funny. I would never want to try dragging him to a Celine Dion concert.'

Two points of view

**Start tuning up
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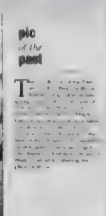
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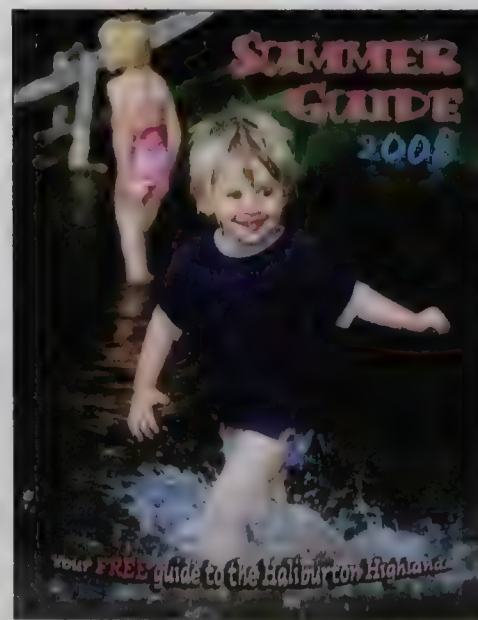
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Oliver Fischer, left, and Jason Glecoff are looking for people to start a running club. The two really like to run. A lot. /Chad Ingram photo

RUNNING CLUB

Running friends will do entire Relay for Life without a break

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Run, Haliburton, run.

Two area residents are hoping to form a running club and want interested athletes to join the group.

Jason Glecoff and Oliver Fischer both ran track in high school. "Then I got a job and got stressed out and I started smoking and all that," says Glecoff, now 40 years old.

Ten years ago Glecoff moved to Haliburton from the city and nine years ago, after the birth of his daughter, he began running again.

"It keeps me in shape so that when my kids want to do something, I can do it," he says.

Fischer has a similar story.

"I ran my first and only marathon 25 years ago," says Fischer, now 44.

While he didn't run for several years, Fischer then heard about Haliburton's ultra-marathon – a 100-mile trek through Haliburton Forest that takes place each fall – and entered the event for the first time last year.

"The ultra-marathon seemed like good inspiration [to begin running again]," he says.

While Fischer didn't finish the event – he suffered an injury after just 60 kilometres or so – he has continued to run since.

The two will be taking part in Haliburton's June 12 Relay for Life, though not in the traditional manner.

While most of the event's participants will take turns walking the track at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m., Glecoff and Fischer plan to simply run the track.

For 12 hours.

"We're just going to run it," Glecoff says casually, as if such an endeavour is nothing out of the ordinary.

So, do most people think they're nuts?

"That's most people's reaction," Glecoff says.

Both men say it's not their physical condition, but rather their mental stamina, that allows them to run such lengthy distances.

"When you hit a wall, you either stop or keep going," Fischer says simply.

"I'm not a great runner," Glecoff says. "I'm not a fast runner."

Rather, Glecoff says, it's pure mental toughness.

Runners interested in joining the club need not be able to run ridiculously long distances. In fact, runners of all skill levels are welcome.

"It's just a fun, inexpensive form of physical activity," Fischer says.

The two said it's too premature to determine when or where the club would first meeting.

Rather, anyone interested should call Fischer at 286-0146.

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Red Hawks Greg Baumgartner breaks through a tackle on May 5 at the Nest. He scored nine of the Red Hawks' 14 points as player of the game.

RED HAWKS RUGBY

Tie feels like a win

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks boys' rugby team remains winless this season but their match on May 5 again Kenner must have felt like a win. In the dying seconds of the game Greg Baumgartner not only scored a try but also kicked the game-tying conversion.

Coming into the game the 0-2 Red Hawks faced 0-2 Kenner from Peterborough at the Nest. After an opening season demolition 55-0 the boys have obviously been listening to the advice of community coach David Treharne and others, as well as head coach Kevin Ray.

In game two the boys lost 14-0 but displayed a much more disciplined and tackling defense. That confidence carried over to game three.

In the first half the Red Hawks fought hard and found themselves close to the goal line and thanks to a team effort

of unselfish passes, Carnarvon's Tyler Woods scored the game's first try as well as the Red Hawks first score of the season.

Baumgartner would make the difficult two-point conversion for a 7-0 lead.

Kenner would tie it up, however, before the end of the half and add another try and conversion in the second half.

And just when it looked like another tough battle for a loss, with just 10 seconds remaining Baumgartner scored a try to bring the game to 14-12. His subsequent convert tied the game. The Red Hawks improve to 0-2-1.

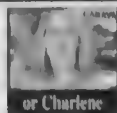
"That tie has helped our confidence moving forward," said Ray. "Kenner finished third in Kawartha last year so it was a solid tie. They also beat us 10-0 in the tournament so we are seeing some improvement."

The Red Hawks have two more away games, May 12 and 19, before completing the regular season to find out whether they'll make the post-season.

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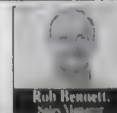
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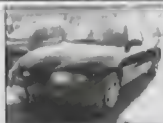
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Hodgson will finish season with Manitoba Moose

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overtime. From the sin bin he watched Belleville score and win the game.

While his frustration about

the loss may linger, it hasn't curbed Duchene's pride in the Battalion's strong season.

"This was a great opportunity," he said on the web press

release. "We came up a little short, but there aren't many teams that got as far as we did this season. I'm proud of the guys. We had a great season."

The Battalion lost just 19 of 68 games in the regular season. Captain Cody Hodgson, who, like Duchene, started his hockey career as a Haliburton

Husky, led the team in scoring with 43 goals and 49 assists for 92 points in 53 games (fourth in the league). Duchene was third in team scoring with 31 goals and 48 assists for 79 points in 57 games (14th in the league).

In the playoffs the boys were one-two in team scoring. Duchene's club-record 14 goals led the team in playoffs and he finished with 26 points in 21 games. Hodgson led with 20 assists and 31 points in 21 playoff games.

Duchene will now focus on the upcoming NHL combine testing May 25 to 30 and do all he can to prepare for the NHL Entry Draft on June 26.

While the season is over for Duchene, it keeps rolling for Hodgson. He's expected to leave for Winnipeg today to join the Manitoba Moose, the American Hockey League affiliate of the Vancouver Canucks.

"The Canucks think it's best for me to play for the Moose right now," said Hodgson on the Battalion's website. "They are in the middle of a deep playoff run, and it should be a good experience."

Hodgson was selected 10th overall by the Vancouver Canucks in the 2008 NHL draft. After playing three exhibition games with the big club, Hodgson signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Canucks.

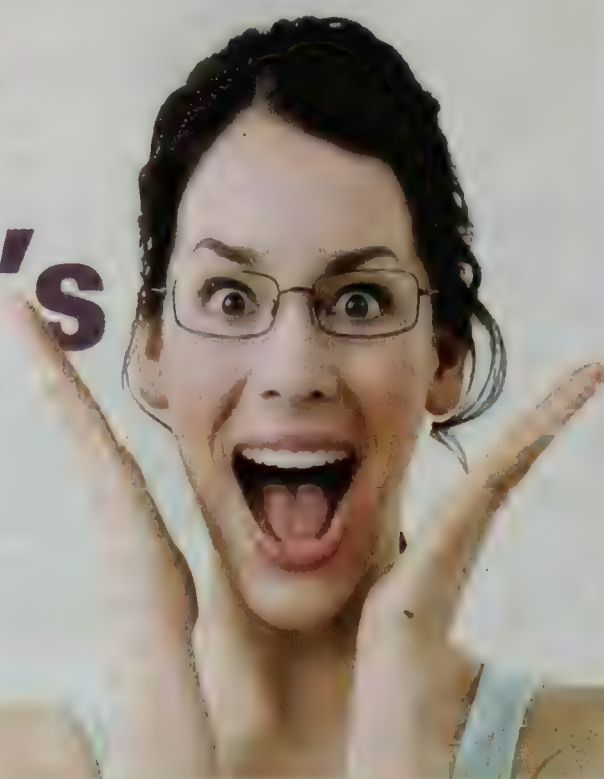
Not old enough at the time to play for the Moose, Hodgson was sent back to Brampton for the season.

Hodgson is expected to be in the Moose lineup May 15 for the Western Conference final series. They await either the Milwaukee Admirals or the Houston Aeros.

"I've watched a few games, and it will be a little faster," he said.

"I don't want to dwell on that last game," he said in a Battalion website press release May 10. "I just look at positives, and we can't change what happened. It was a great season shared by all of us here. It was a lot of fun, and I enjoyed coming to the rink every day and working with everybody."

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Trumpet player Andy Salvatori and other members of the Highland Wind are excited about the May 24 spring concert. Tickets are available at Master's Book Store in Haliburton and Pharmasave drugstore in Minden. The cost for adults is \$10, \$5 for students, and a family pass is \$25. For more information call Hugh Taylor at 457-1671 or email him at wildwoodfarm@sympatico.ca.

Wind symphony concert is May 24

The Highlands Wind Symphony is rehearsing for the spring concert at the Northern Lights Pavilion on May 24.

Glen Carter and Lori Reddering will conduct the performance along with guest Dan Manley. The theme of marches and overtures will include pieces such as *Sine Nomine* by Ralph Vaughan Williams

and *Light Cavalry Overture* by Franz von Suppe.

Back again is the Highlands Swing Band, conducted by Judy Cole featuring singer Jerelyn Craden, and a handful of local performers including Earl Cooper, Rob Snelgrove, Melissa Stephens, Dave Hawley, and Bethany Houghton.

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MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

In 1993, teacher Eric Walters was presented with a challenge: his Grade 5 students didn't want to read.

So he wrote a book for the class he was teaching and the feedback he received from his then non-reading class was so positive that since that time Walters has written dozens of books, many for classes he was teaching at the time.

Walters made four presentations to parents, students and educators April 27 about how he came to be a writer, the importance of reading, how to get kids to read, and even a little advice for the aspiring writer as part of a program sponsored by the Trillium Lakes District Council.

"I am not a writer, I'm a teacher," said Walters, the author of 63 books in 15 years. At least that's how it started. The class he had in 1993 were a group of bad apples but they were smart like Newton, Twain, or Einstein; they didn't learn and understand the world the same way others did. And that's why he wrote *Stand Your Ground* for the kids in his class.

Walters retired from teaching four years ago and has been on an educational and motivational teacher ever since.

One of the main questions Walters gets from kids is "where do stories come from?" In the beginning, his students were his muses, but over time newspapers and family members also gave him inspiration.

Walters said that boys stop reading in Grades 5, 6 and 7 because reading is something girls do. He says that boys need male reading role models.

"The future of your son depends on it," he said.

One method Walters found successful was a deal with his son. Either he cleans up the kitchen while dad reads aloud, or vice versa.

Walters started writing Canadian history because of the answers he got when he asked his class who the first prime minister was. The answers he received were George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and John F. Kennedy. Only one child said John A. Macdonald.

Walters couldn't believe it.

"If our kids are going to aspire greatness they have to know the greatness that came before them," he said.



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Canadian author Eric Walters reacts to something J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student Stuart Searle said. Walters used Stuart and another audience member as examples of characters of his books.

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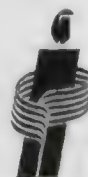
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They climbed the CN tower once and they're willing to do it again!

To raise money for the World Wildlife Fund, Brian Merrifield (left), Terri Mathews, Chyna Schell and Chad Carpenter walked from the bottom to the top of the highest tower in the land.

"On the way up the tower, there were posters made by children in elementary school with endangered species drawings and motivational words on them, which was really cool," Schell wrote in an email.

The fastest of the bunch was Carpenter, who made it in 17 minutes, 35 seconds.

"None of us has done it before, but I think we would all do it again," Schell wrote.

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Wilberforce News

"Save Our School" has become the clarion call in Wilberforce in recent months. The final opportunity to let the Trillium Lakelands District Board of Education know how strongly we feel about keeping the Wilberforce School open after the school year 2009-2010 is only one week away. Please plan to be at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. for this highly important meeting. Baby sitting will be available.

There the Program and Accommodation Committee, which was appointed by the board, will hear individual and group presentations and receive written submissions on the issue of declining enrolment and how to accommodate the students. There will be a question period at the end of this public input meeting.

Only two members of this 20-member committee are from Wilberforce. Only one elected person, Valerie Smith, Haliburton County's only trustee, sits on PARC. The members of this committee will make the final recommendation to the board of education likely in the fall. Trustees from the Muskoka and City of Kawartha Lakes parts of the district will have a majority in the final decision on whether our school is closed or stays open.

There has been a school in Wilberforce since the 1880s. The original section of the present school has been a place

where students have been educated since 1911. Additions and many improvements have helped make it a good place of learning.

Come September 2010 will the Wilberforce School be open and alive with children and teachers? Or will it be silent, empty and closed? Will you be able to say "I was there and tried to keep it open"? Your presence at the May 20 meeting is essential. Let the PARC members know that this is a strong, supportive, caring community that values education, that cares about our young children and knows the importance of being educated in one's own community.

Hope your Victoria Day weekend is fun. Though it is early this year, this coming holiday weekend has become an indicator that summer is fast approaching. The other good news is that it brings the delicious roast beef dinner that the Community Volunteer Police Association always presents. It is Saturday, May 16 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre. Always a hearty, tasty meal. Do support these faithful volunteers who assist the police in many ways to help make this a good place to live.

Watch for some good yard sales in this area. The United Church always has some great bargains.

Easy Ryders are 105 strong

ELEANOR COOPER

West Guilford News

On May 3 the Maple Lake United Church hosted the monthly pot luck and hymn sing in the evening. This was attended by about 17 people. Food as always was good and everyone enjoyed the singing. Ev Stata read an appropriate poem which she had composed. We were pleased to see Marilyn Carter out after time in hospital.

On Tuesday, May 5th the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders gathered at the centre and biked their way to Stanhope township office via North Shore Road. The group's composed of seniors with membership of 105. Fifty-four participated in this particular ride. The spring ride is in Gananoque. The club rides somewhere in the county every week.

West Guilford Community Centre invites you to our information meeting on Wednesday, May 13 at 10 a.m. with regards to starting a walking club. All levels of walking ability are welcome. Come share ideas to make this club a success. The centre provides a safe environment to walk regularly. Call 754-3865 for more information.

As to euchre, Jean Dutka and Nick Biljetene won top scores, Norma Crewson and Bill Marshall wound up with low scores and most lone hands were won by Colleen Davison and Leroy Mowat.

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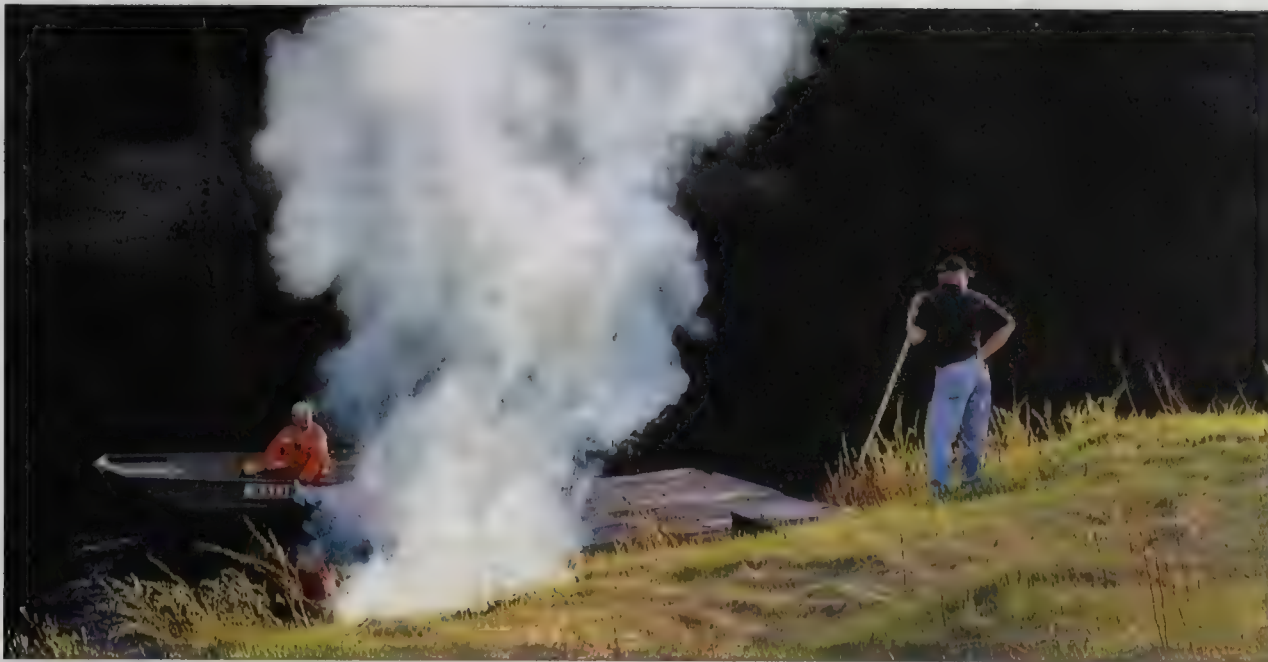
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Burning can be good

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Dave Brown, the fire management supervisor at the Ministry of Natural Resources Aviation and Forest Fire management branch in Haliburton says that controlled burning is done throughout the province for a number of different reasons. He said that the prescribed burns he's been involved with can help the environment in a number of ways.

Burning can help maintain prairie grass species, remove competing vegetation, and release nutrients back into the soil. Burning even aids Jack pine trees because the heat of the fire opens up the cones.

While people do not need a burning permit for most fires, rules are in place. There's no burning from two hours after sunrise to two hours before sunset. Fires can be no more than two metres high and people must have the means to extinguish the fires.

Short films screened at Rails End Gallery

The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre screened two short films on the railway days in Haliburton last Thursday to an appreciative audience.

Charlene Cooper was the delighted winner of a copy of Leopoldina Dobzensky's local history book, *Fragments of a Dream*, which was promptly autographed by the author herself. Dobzensky was the writer and narrator of the first film, *The Railway to Haliburton*. Many local oral historians contributed to the second film, *Old Rails - Remembered Tales*.

This is the second time the two-film program has screened at the Rails End Gallery in the restored historic train station. Two DVD sets packaged by Highlands Media Arts through community funding from Haliburton County Development Corporation will now be available for purchase at the gallery shop, in partnership with the producers of the films, Friends of the Rail Trail.

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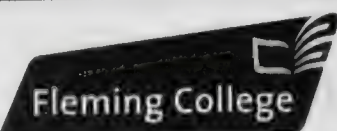
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New Legion executive elected

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The new executive of the Wilberforce Legion is as follows: President Bruce Rennie; 1st Vice President Don Flemming; and 2nd Vice President Joe Driscoll. The executive have had its first meeting. Valerie Smith, Brian Eves, Mel Smith, Mary Dunn, Terri Clarke, Bob Clarke, Tom Coghlan, Bob Anderson, Richard Young and Gary Stoughton, invite everyone to join in Legion functions.

The Ladies Auxiliary donated \$2,000 to the branch, which they worked very hard to collect over a great period of time. There is an elimination draw underway. We are selling 200 tickets at \$10 each, and we have 75 tickets left to sell. They must be bought at the Legion.

May 15 features the all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner, with tea or coffee and dessert from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. You just bring your appetite and we'll take care of the rest.

Competitive karaoke night will follow the spaghetti dinner starting at 9 p.m. at a cost of \$5. Winner takes all.

May 16 is the Annual Lou Moody Memorial Rainbow Trout Fish Derby. There are cash prizes for first, second and third place winners, plus there will be a prize table to try to make sure everyone gets something.

The lakes are Cedar Lake, Cardiff Lake, Clement Lake, Cope Lake, Lower Cardiff and Jordan Lake. You must register at the Legion before closing on May 15 or at the Fish's Lunch Box, before 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16. Registration is \$15 per person.

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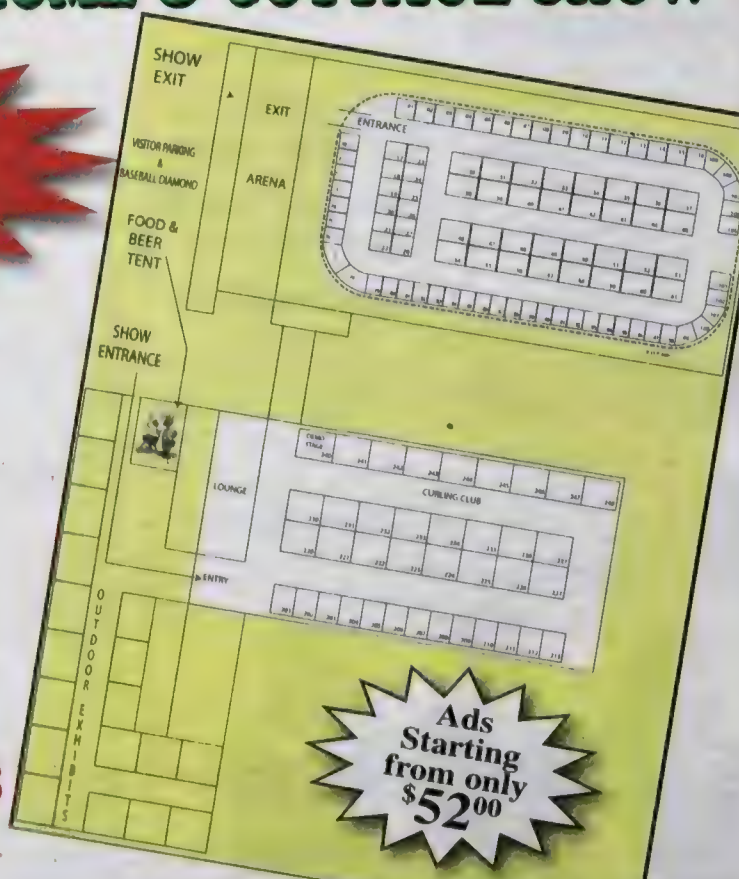
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Ladies auxiliary election results

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Thursday, April 30 was the election of the executive of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion branch 129.

The results are as follows:

Past President: Laura Bannon

President: Doreen De Grave

1st Vice President: Ruth Schell

2nd Vice President: Lesley Thacher

Secretary: Mary Hambly

Treasurer: Jan Shipley

Sergeant at Arms / Sports Officer: Jutta Dombrowsky

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Executive members: Beth Creay, Pat Wright, Marnie Chambers, Cheryl James, Fern Timbers, Pat Norman

This hard working group of 53 women raises money for many community activities such as the blood donor clinic, high school bursaries, Easter Seals, Canadian Cancer Society, Highlands Summer Festival, etc. Monies are raised by catering both buffet and sit-down lunches and dinners for weddings, receptions, birthday parties, etc. For further information or booking of these events call Doreen DeGrave at 457-4994.



The new executive of the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary is, from left Laura Bannon, past president; Doreen DeGrave, president; Ruth Schell, 1st vice president; Lesley Thacher, 2nd vice president; Mary Hambly, secretary. Absent is Jan Shipley, treasurer.



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Notices



PUBLIC INPUT

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is doing a program and accommodation review of Cardiff Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School due to declining enrolment.

There is a Committee called the "PARC" (which stands for Program and Accommodation Review Committee). Members of the PARC would like to invite you to give your input.

In the interest of time, letters to the PARC will not be read aloud at future public input meetings, but will be available to the public in a binder. All input received will be read by PARC members as part of the consultation process.

This will be the final input meeting during the 2008-2009 school year.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 6 p.m. Wilberforce Elementary School

Individuals or groups wishing to speak at a public input meeting need to fill out an Input Form and send it to one of the schools or to the school board. The form is found on the TLDSB website www.tldsb.on.ca or at Cardiff or Wilberforce Elementary Schools.

1. Presentation by an individual

Individuals may present to the PARC at one of the public input meetings listed above and are given up to 5 minutes to speak. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the PARC.

2. Presentation by a group

One person representing a group or organization may speak for up to 10 minutes at one of the public input meetings listed above. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the PARC.

3. Written Submissions

Individuals and organizations are welcome to submit input to the PARC in writing at any time. Input forms are available on the Board website and at each of the schools.

4. Question Period

There will be an opportunity at the end of each public input meeting for questions. Members of the public will be invited to ask questions of the PARC.

For more information please contact:
Susan Johnson in the Director's Office at 1-888-526-5552 ext 22104.



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Specifications and blank authorization and execution forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario, or Telephone: (705) 457-1740.

Tenders must be received on or before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2009.

This work is conditional on funding. Accordingly tender results will be considered once funding is announced. Lowest or any quotation not necessarily accepted.

RAILS END GALLERY & ARTS CENTRE

Reflections opens May 15

May 15 - June 13

Opening reception Friday May 15

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre presents an exhibition of the latest photographs by gallery member Sue Evans. Evans's subject matter is the reflection of landscape and sky on water. Occasionally you will also see a human figure, a child playing in the water or an outstretched hand.

Evan's photographs are beguiling and beautiful. They remind us that not everything is as it may first appear, and that looking at the world from a new perspective (upside down) can reveal new visual delights! There will be a small pool installed at the gallery as part of the exhibition, so gallery goers can experience the visual effects of reflected imagery first hand.

Plan to attend the opening reception on Friday, May 15, 5 to 7 p.m. to meet Sue Evans in person and learn more about her interesting approach.

Visit www.railsendgallery.com for information on gallery programs.

Hours: Wednesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 12 to 4 p.m.



Untitled photograph by Sue Evans.

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2ND Annual Haliburton County Warden's Breakfast

You are cordially invited to attend the County of Haliburton's 2ND Annual Warden's Breakfast which will be held May 15th, 2009 at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre 7:30 am - 9:30 am. Join Warden Dave Burton who will provide an update on matters of interest in Haliburton County, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson who will be making a major announcement for Haliburton County at the Breakfast and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes Brock MP Barry Devolin. Contact Bethany Mawbey at (705) 286-1333 or bmawbey@county.haliburton.on.ca to reserve your place, seating is limited.

May 15th, 2009

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May 15: Circle of Hope - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12 - 1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ex 3

May 16: Aaah! The long weekend! Gooderham United Church invites you to their Yard Sale - Lots of goodies Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you that day. Donation welcome

May 16: The Norland Horticultural Society is holding a fund raising plant/yard/bake sale at the Norland Arena - All are welcome to help us raise the funds for the gardens, baskets and barrels that you so enjoy as you are driving through Norland. For further information please contact Sandy at 705-454-2191.

May 20: Bowlers Needed - Minden Healthcare Auxiliary is hosting a Bowl-A-Thon from 1:30 - 5:00 pm. To preregister or for more information please contact Marilyn 286-4925 or Val Lennox 286-1476.

May 20: S.O.S - Save Our School - The meeting regarding the possible closure of Wilberforce Elementary School will take place on Wednesday May 20th at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce at 6 p.m. Please come and show your support.

May 20: WI Meeting will be held at Hannah's at 1:30 pm - For more information please call Hannah 286-3325 or Pam 754-2564

May 21: OEYC Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce on from 9:30 am - 12 pm - Families with children 0 to 6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989

May 21: The Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Car Club is having their third annual Get Acquainted Cruise In and BBQ - If you have an old car, stock or modified, and you are not a member of the Time Travellers, you are invited to join us for a social evening at 6 pm at the Lochlin Community Centre on County Rd 1 in Lochlin. Please call Bob Patton at 489-3606 to let us know if you are coming.

May 25: Celebrate Recovery Invites you to a BBQ - At Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park St, Haliburton. Come and learn what celebrate recovery is all about. Join us after the BBQ for a time of teaching, small groups and community. Meet others who are addressing their hurts, habits and hang-ups and are journeying on the road to recovery. Call 457-2851 for further information.

May 29: Circle of Hope - Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaved from 12 - 1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ex 3

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

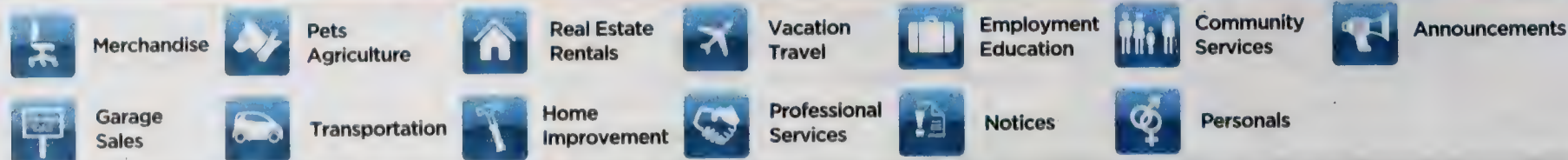
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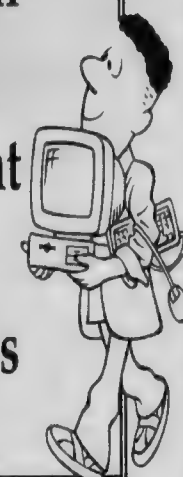
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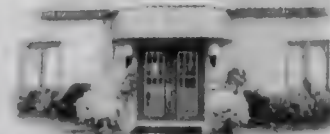
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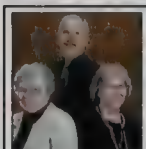


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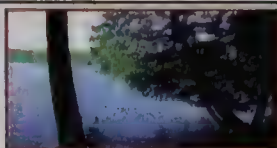


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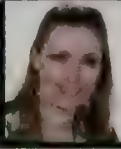


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Murder trail leads to Haliburton

Feature and photos
by Martha Perkins

For the past two hours, Robert Rotenberg has sat as still as Robert Rotenberg can. He's packing a lot into the interview, describing the trajectory his life has taken from the 15-year-old boy who sent a short story to the *New Yorker* magazine, to University of Toronto English major, to hippie Toronto cab driver, to London School of Economics grad, to law student, to editor of a Paris-based magazine, to founder and publisher of *T.O.* magazine, to film executive, to family man, to criminal lawyer starting from scratch, to screenwriter, and, finally, to being the author of a best-selling murder mystery, *Old City Hall*.

But while he's getting his photo taken on the shores of Drag Lake, his cellphone rings. It signals the end of



It took a lot of hard work for Drag Lake cottager Robert Rotenberg, but the thrill of being able to hold his own book – a murder mystery that's become a best seller – makes it all worth it.

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Writing is work, work, work

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the contemplative Rotenberg and the beginning of the frenetic Rotenberg.

The call is from one of his former legal clients who now has cancer but won't go to hospital. Can Bobby give him some money to buy medicine? Rotenberg listens patiently, tells the man he'll see him tomorrow and hangs up.

Now that he's got his cellphone in his hand, however, Rotenberg can't help but check his email messages. There's one from a colleague who wants Rotenberg to take on a new case. Another is from the actor who is reading *Old City Hall* for an audiotope edition of the book. Is it Spa-di-na Avenue or Spa-dee-na, Paul Hecht asks before complimenting Rotenberg on the book. Hecht says he was sad when he read the last page because it meant the characters, who'd become so real to him, would disappear from his life.

Then Rotenberg gets a call from his wife Vaune Davis, a CBC television producer. She's in Toronto and tells him that he has a handwritten letter from Dalton McGuinty. Open it, Rotenberg says, too excited to wait until he gets home to find out what the premier has to say. Davis reads the letter over the phone: McGuinty says he intended to read *Old City Hall* in the summer but he made the mistake of reading the first page shortly after receiving his copy. He couldn't put the book down, and now it's being passed between the entire McGuinty family.

Rotenberg is beaming.

"This is my life," he says, his mind now clearly shifting from cruise control to high gear. "Every time you pick up the phone it could be the law society bugging you to pay your dues or someone who's been accused of murder [and wants you to be his lawyer]."

That's why Rotenberg is confident that he's got a book a year in him for the next 20 years. "If you're looking for drama, you don't have to look further."

Forty years after he sent his first manuscript to a publisher, Rotenberg is poised to be an overnight suc-

cess. *Old City Hall* might be his first book but it seems written by a seasoned pro. It has all the right elements of the genre – quick pacing, tension, comedic relief, character development, fascinating plot. Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in the States and Simon & Schuster in Canada, it is far from being an amateur novel. Rotenberg woke up at five in the morning every day for years so he could squeeze some writing time into his already busy day. As compelled as he was to write, "I was determined that I wasn't going to take anything away from Vaune, my children, my family, my practice," he says. When faced with a deadline or a more difficult section to write, he and his dog Fudge would drive up to the family's distraction-free cottage on Drag Lake for a few days.

"You succeed because you work at it," says Rotenberg. And writing is not about you. It's about the reader. You have to write a book that people want to read."

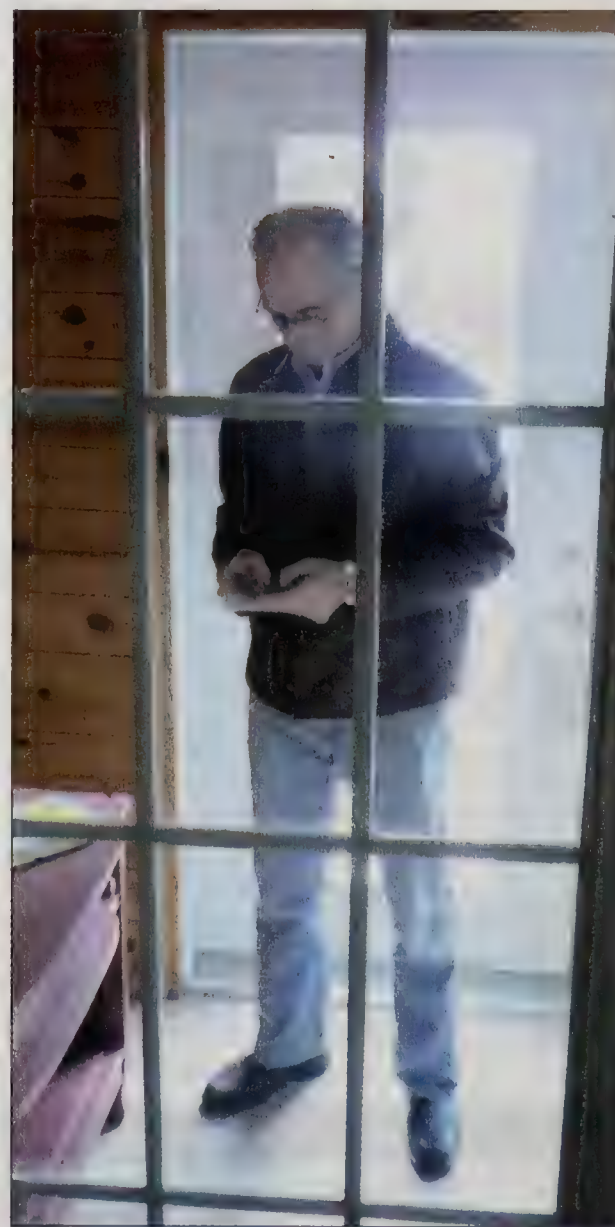
"If you want to write for yourself, go out into the woods and read it to all the chipmunks," he said. "I just worked and worked and worked. Before I finished, I even hired an actor to read it out loud. Every time he got to a point where it was bogging down, I heard it. You need voice, energy and confidence. It's like a musician who knows when they're on top of their instrument."

Writing a book "puts a huge amount of psychic pressure on you," he says, noting that the first page alone probably took a total of 500 hours to write. "It's a self-imposed pressure of trying to create something that's not temporary."

Shortly after Rotenberg found a publisher in New York, he was told he had to cut his 140,000-word book down to 100,000 words. The cutting took him a few hours – 16 chapters were clinically excised, including one that described Haliburton. Stitching the remaining chapters back together took months.

Because *Old City Hall* is about a murder, the sense of drama is immediate. Ironically, it's the character – one of Canada's most revered radio personalities – who

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The phone calls and emails never stop in Robert Rotenberg's world. He's constantly juggling demands – lawyer, author, husband, father, friend.

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Haliburton is integral part of author's life

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admits to killing his wife in the first chapter who is the most enigmatic. The man whose voice is loved by Canadians does not speak throughout the novel.

But he's not the only one who has parts of his life that he wants to keep hidden. Everyone in the book has a public self and a private self, and the two are often in conflict with one other.

"Mark Twain said, 'We're all like the moon – only half of us is exposed,'" says Rotenberg. "Everyone has something they're trying to hide and everyone has something they're trying to accomplish."

The book's investigator, Ari Greene, who will become an even more familiar character in books to come, has to drive up to Haliburton to talk to the murder suspect's first wife. Sarah McGill illustrates Rotenberg's belief in Robert Louis Stevenson's adage that you don't arbitrarily choose the landscape into which you put a character.

McGill owns the Hardscrabble Café, and she's as no-nonsense as her diner's name (which Rotenberg got from a restaurant in Argyle that he'd pass on the way to his Haliburton cottage). It's not a coincidence that she lives in a land of rocks and trees. "There's something very strong about her," Rotenberg says, "like a rock. She's a foundation person and she's not going to move. She had to be here in Haliburton."

Rotenberg's portrayal of Haliburton is like his portrayal of Toronto – full of respect but not blinded from its imperfections. Like Ari Greene, Rotenberg first came to Haliburton as a camper. He spent six summers at Camp White Pine. "Every Wednesday night was free night and I always went up to the nature hut. Me and Peggy Nature would go up and dissect frogs."

Peggy Nature is the nickname that campers gave Margaret Atwood.

Several years passed before Rotenberg came back to Haliburton, this time as guests with his wife at the Domain of Killien. A year and a half after their first son Peter was born, the Rotenbergs bought their cottage on Drag Lake. Peter, his brother Evan and sister Helen have grown up with Haliburton as a deeply entrenched part of their lives.

There's a ying and yang about Rotenberg's connection with the places where he puts down roots. He writes of Toronto with an intimate knowledge of its history and people, and couldn't imagine setting the book anywhere else. Does he love Toronto? "I don't know," he responds. "I just think it's an endless story. Look it, I could have made other choices in my life. I could have stayed in the film business or lived in Europe but I remember the first day I practised law. I was at the courthouse in Scarborough. [In the hallway] there were 10 people speaking 10 languages. I just thought 'This is a story – a broiling, seething story.' It's about people struggling and determined to make it. If there's anything I love about this city, it's the determination of people. My grandparents also came here with nothing. I think the city succeeds in spite of itself."

He's come to need both Toronto and Haliburton. "Part of living in Toronto is knowing Haliburton is here and part of living in Haliburton is knowing Toronto is there. You don't have one without the other."

"Haliburton is so much a part of me. A friend in

Toronto who loves the country around Georgian Bay once said: I need the north so I can breathe. That's how I feel."

And while not quite ready to give up his law practice, Rotenberg knows he has to keep on writing. He's just submitted his manuscript for his second book – which is inhabited by some of the same characters as *Old City Hall* – and will soon start writing his third.

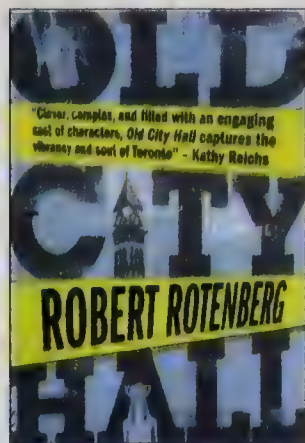
"This is my new job," he says. Publishing a book and watching it take off has given him quite a few pinch-me moments which he needs to sustain him through the tough, lonely work of writing a book. He's exhausted, invigorated, thrilled, vulnerable, proud, anxious – and he couldn't have his life any other way.

He once told his daughter Helen about something

he'd read about Jean-Paul Sartre. As a young man, Sartre would stand in his grandfather's living room, staring into the fire. On the mantel was a row of books, and Sartre imagined the day when all the books would have his name on them.

On the day that Rotenberg received his first copy of *Old City Hall*, he and Helen went into their Toronto living room, hand in hand. Rotenberg placed his book on the bookshelf. "I burst into tears," he says. "I'd worked so hard and given up so much just to be able to put it on the bookshelf."

Robert Rotenberg will be signing copies of *Old City Hall* at Under Cover Books in Haliburton on Saturday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. www.robertrotenberg.com




Historian turns family history into a novel

• Feature and photo by Martha Perkins •

A horse slowly drags a man's mutilated body through the streets of Millbrook, New York. The year is 1775.

That man was Eli Hawkins and because he survived some pretty harrowing situations, Ruth Still was able to tell his story in her fictionalized family history, *The Saga of a Canadian Family 1733 to 1935*.

"They say you should write about what you know," she says. "My grandfather gave me the facts [about my family's history] and I took it from there."

Although she now lives in Barrie, Still is very well known and respected in the Highlands. When she retired to property she had bought in Eagle Lake, she quickly wove herself into the fabric of village life.

A member of the Eagle Lake Women, she was one of the founders of the Rhubarb Festival, turning Eagle Lake into the Rhubarb Capital of Ontario as

a tribute to the hardy vegetable that provided early settlers one of their few sources of sweetness. She also wrote the book on the village's history, *In the Fullness of Time: The Story of Eagle Lake*.

When it came to writing her own family history, Still wanted it to appeal to more than just her relatives. She feels that Eli Hawkins's story, and that of his descendents, is worth knowing because

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When Ruth Still lived in Eagle Lake, she became so fascinated by the village's history that she wrote a book about it, *In the Fullness of Time: The Story of Eagle Lake*. Then she turned her creative energy into researching and writing about her own family history.



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United Empire Loyalists played essential role

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it tells us so much about the people who helped to found this country.

"It bothers me that no one in this [younger] generation knows who the United Empire Loyalists were and the role they played," she says during a visit to Haliburton. "It was such a proud heritage."

"I researched this book for 10 years so I know what happened in this era and how my forbearers not only survived, but prospered. They were not people who gave up and I'm pretty proud of it."

The Saga of a Canadian Family spans seven generations, ending with the death of her grandfather in 1935. It's a fictionalized account of their lives and she hopes that the book will appeal to all generations.

"It deals with history but it reads like fiction so it has more appeal," she says. "You want young people to know what living was like. It was not easy and the problems were a lot more basic."

Eli Hawkins, the man near death in

the opening chapter of the book, packed up everything he owned and moved his family from New York to New Brunswick in response to the American revolution. Canada was young and wild, a place where early settlers had to rely on their own wits and resources.

Eli died in 1842 but his children carried on the tradition of self-reliance and fortitude. Some of his descendants found their "natural element" in the farmland of Oxford County on the north shore of Lake Erie.

"My great-grandfather helped to build the first cheese factory in Canada," says Still, who was born in 1923 in the nearby village of Brownsville.

"My grandfather had a herd of 80 cows [for milking] but by the time by dad was born it was 60 cows," she says. By the time she was young enough to help on the farm, the Great Depression was starting and family couldn't afford to fix the milking machine so she had to milk six cows every morning before school and every night before bed.

Life was more physically challenging but also very rewarding. "There was a wonderful, strong work ethic. You had a sense of responsibility and if you didn't

work you were resourceful and did something....

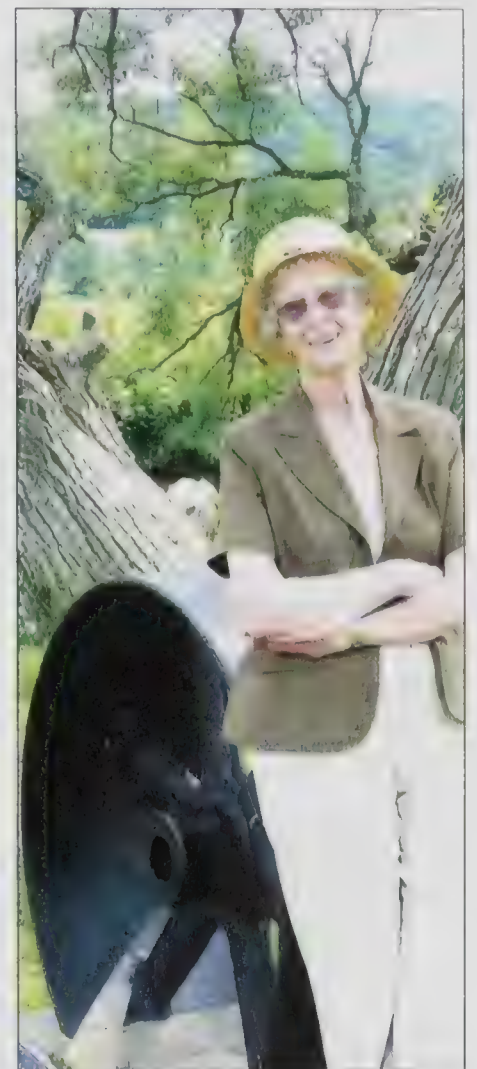
"I've had a wonderful life and I've never complained because I feel that everything I do is my own responsibility. Unless you are physically or developmentally challenged, you are a master of your own destiny."

Being self-reliant was a valued trait – up until a certain point if you were a woman. Still, who developed a neighbourhood in Eagle Lake all on her own, says "I'm an odd one for my family. I'm a risk taker and I like adventure; I've definitely been in some tight spots. However, I have an unshakeable belief in divine providence and it coming to my aid."

Now 86 and the publisher of a newspaper for her residents' association, Still says she has one more book in her. She's like to write about her years in the Haliburton Highlands.

"I wouldn't have survived living on my own up here without those farm lessons," she says.

Copies of *The Saga of a Canadian Family* are available at local bookstores or by contacting Ruth Still at ruth.still@rogers.com.



Ruth Still says she has one more book in her about her years in Eagle Lake.

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Old photos put the past in focus

• Book review by Carol Moffatt •

Heritage is one of the most important tools for consolidating a sense of place and its people. It's how we define and value who we are, what we know and where we stand.

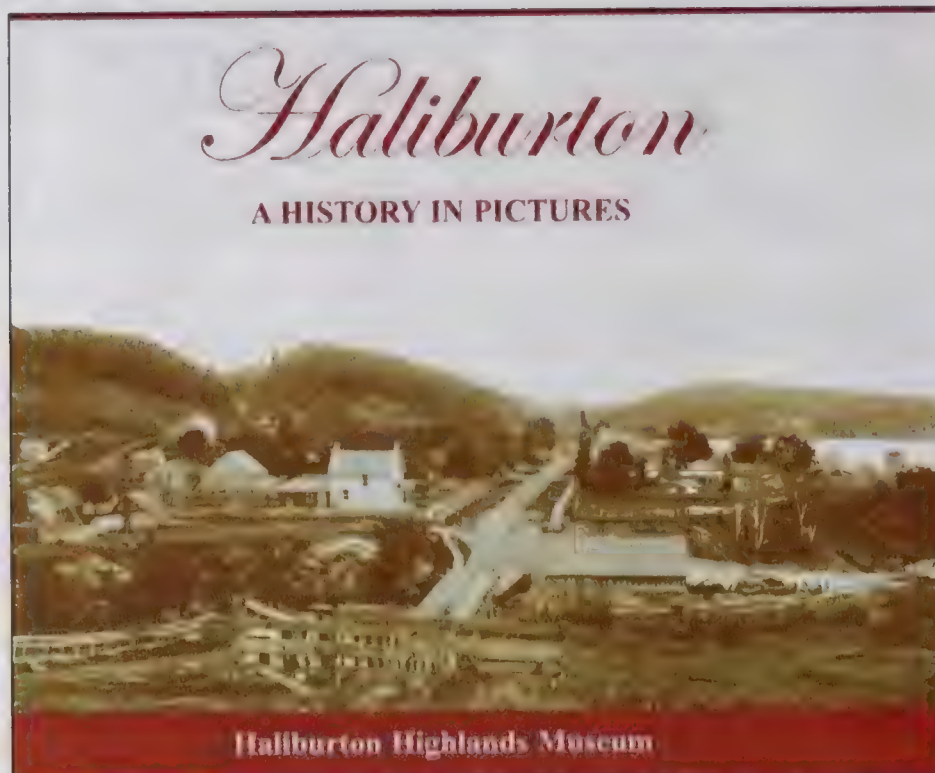
That's why people search for faces and names in all old school group photos, and why we so enjoy the jovial one-upmanship of "I remember when ...". Whether the memory is the day the Molou opened, the big fire on Main Street, or when the stoplights went in at the corner, these conversations unite us and give us a sense of belonging.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum

last year published *Haliburton - A History in Pictures* to celebrate its 40th anniversary. The book is a selection of historical photographs from the museum's impressive photo collection. It illustrates the history of the village of Haliburton and surroundings, and provides ample fodder for our sense of place.

The book is divided into 11 categories and each category is introduced by a succinct historical overview. Each photo is described in a short block of text that has been gleaned and assembled from a

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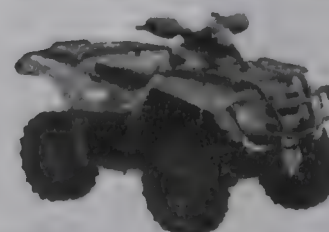


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It was a hardscrabble life for early settlers

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variety of sources including local history books, museum archives and the incredible - and curious - minds of museum director Tom Ballantine and curator Stephen Hill. (You'll find a comprehensive list of local history books on page 2 and although most are out of print, searching for them in old bookstores, neighbours' attics or online can be fun.)

The book provides a wonderful balance of people, places and things; not too many of any one kind of photo, and just enough text to intrigue and inform the reader but not bore him. The layout is clean and crisp, allowing space for the browser to mentally amble from one image to the next. The reader will immediately recognize the contents of some photos, yet find himself trying to visualize others in a sort of cerebral game of Then and Now.

I like a book that leaves me with considerations, that makes me wonder what the character did next. I've thumbed through this book a dozen times and each time I've wondered about its cast of characters: the people. What did they think when they arrived? Can you imagine living here then? How hardy did they have to be? I admire their strength and tenacity, and I sympathize with the inevitable losses of such a hardscrabble existence.

Best of all, I wanted more. And knowing that this book encompasses only a selection of what's carefully stored and catalogued at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, I eagerly await the next in what could easily be a series of coffee table books.

The forefathers of the Highlands scratched a living from an unforgiving landscape. Many left, but those who stayed created a place, a life and a home. Every generation makes changes to a place and our local communities, Haliburton Village among them, are no different. Those changes eventually become the norm, giving way for the next generation, each one with its strengths and losses. Without the photos and the stories, we wouldn't have the sense of place that the Highlands provides us and its uniqueness would be gobbled up by the next generation's definition.

Mssrs. Ballantine and Hill and the folks who made up the book committee are to be heartily congratulated on their creation. Recognition and thanks must also be extended to the people who have donated photos to the museum's collection. The introduction of the book modestly asks that readers consider allowing the museum to copy their photos and I echo that request.

There are five museums in Haliburton County, each very different from the other. So before you go to the landfill, make a call. Collecting and interpreting local heritage is like a giant jigsaw puzzle. Unless you ask, you'll never know if that photo or letter is the one critical piece that makes the picture complete, or is one more contribution to the endless blue sky. Either way, it's still a valuable piece of the puzzle.

Enjoy this book. And visit your local museum.

Carol Moffatt is the founder of the Stanhope Heritage Museum. She's played an active role in maintaining and enhancing local heritage, including the restoration of the Hawk Lake log chute.



Thanks to families who shared their photos with the Haliburton museum, the book provides a fascinating glimpse into our past.

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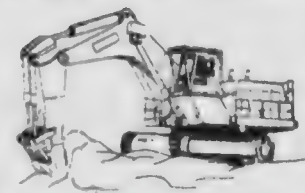
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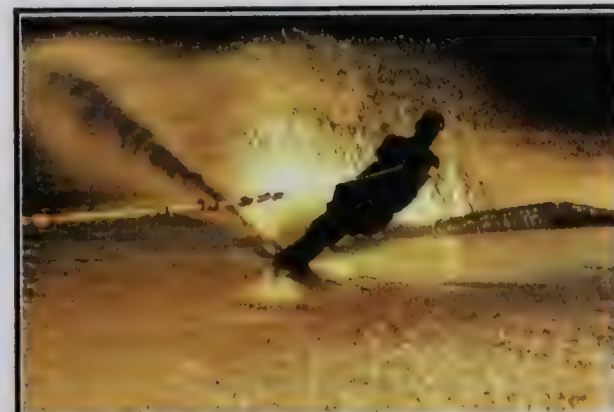
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Hall's Lake Tour – Saturday, May 17, 1 pm
Meet at Elvin Johnson Park, Old Mill Rd
Explore a cycling route in the Algonquin Highlands!

This is a 25k tour of the roads around Hall's Lake and is moderately hilly. The tour may also go to the Hawk Lake Log Chute.

Cycle to Bonnierview – Sunday May 24, 10 am
Meet at the Haliburton town docks
Register with the Health Unit 457-1391
Come out for a leisurely 10k ride, suitable for families. Enjoy the beautiful lakeside view. Light refreshments will be available for \$6 per person.

Learn to Geocache – Wed. May 27, 7 – 8:30 pm
Meet in Head Lake Park, Haliburton,
Register with the Health Unit, 457-1391

Geocaching is a great way for people of all ages to get out and explore by foot and by bike! Learn the basics, including how to find caches online, use a GPS, and go seeking caches. Bring a GPS if you have one; some will be available to borrow. (max. 10 families)

Yoga for Cyclists – Thur. May 28, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Blue Sky Yoga Studio
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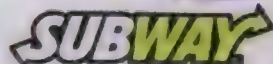
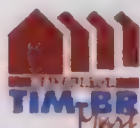
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appreciation of the natural beauty of Canada.

Ron Lawrence was a keen observer who could write in terms that are understandable to the layman without neglecting in any way the scientific facts. These books are ageless, and all would be wonderful if they were ever made into movies.

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One of Ron Lawrence's most beloved book, *The North Runner*, explores his extraordinary friendship with Yukon, half sled dog, half wolf.

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On a canoe trip near Bancroft, Lawrence rescued a beaver kit whose mother had been killed by a wolf.

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PADDY, ORPHAN OF THE WILD

Ron had planned a perfect summer canoe trip – four months on an isolated Ontario lake in the Bancroft/Algonquin Park area, to pursue the study of North American beaver. To his delight he found a beaver kit, whose mother had been killed by a wolf, and in no time, Paddy won a place not only in Lawrence's sleeping bag but also in his heart. Paddy is an engaging book, a sentimental story about the perils and pleasures of raising a beaver kit. If you like your heartstrings torn by a story, you will like this tale.

THE GHOST WALKER

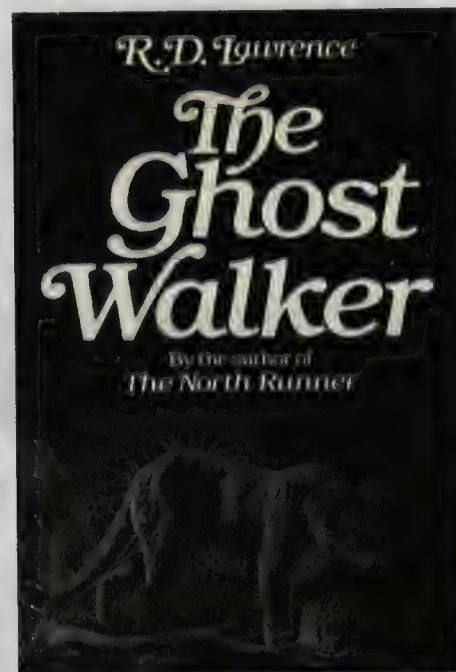
Ron settled himself in the British Columbia wilderness, the Selkirk Mountain range, from September to mid-July, for a continuous field study of the elusive mountain lion (cougar, puma), an animal that had fascinated him for 25 years. For the next 10 months, he neither saw nor spoke with another human being. His encounters with the "Ghost", the wolf "White Spot" and other creatures

are downright riveting but this is also the story of one man's survival alone in the wilderness as he sharpens his senses to their utmost and becomes intimately familiar with the environment. Meticulous observations, reflections of solitude, the author's sensitivity to the wilderness, and his clinical knowledge as a biologist make this more than an adventure story. By the time he left the wilderness, he had not only learned a great deal about how the puma lives in its natural state, but he had also won the trust of two members of the species.

R.D. Lawrence was a field biologist, journalist, naturalist, wildlife rehabilitator, and an intrepid wanderer, who explored Canada from coast to coast to coast. He wrote 30 books which were published internationally.

Ron and his wife Sharon lived in Haliburton County, where they raised injured and orphaned wildlife at their private sanctuary, Wolf Hollow. Ron died November 27, 2003 at the age of 82.

After his death, Sharon played an instrumental role in the creation of R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden, which is a testament to his environmental ideals.



Meticulous observation of an elusive mountain lion make this book about one man's survival in the wilderness more than an adventure story.

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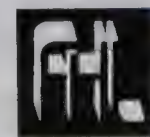
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Steve Galea, hiding under the bench at Head Lake Park, tries to avoid the season's first assignment – the library – while rookie investigator Jenn Watt tries to coax him out of hiding. Former investigator Greg Hoekstra has left to pursue his dream career as a *Where's Waldo?* impersonator.

Under cover at the library

Awkward Moments • Column by Steve Galea • Photos by Matt James

"Library? Why did it have to be the library?" I moaned as I lamented our first investigative assignment of the summer.

"What's so bad about the library?" my fellow reporter and investigator, Jenn Watt, asked.

I blanched at the question. Then I developed a severe facial tick, shook like a leaf, went weak at the knees, developed noticeable hives, rashes, and open sores, barely suppressed the impulse to vomit, and became exceedingly dizzy while simultaneously swelling up at the ankles and sobbing uncontrollably.

"Hey," she said, "I'm beginning to suspect that something might be bothering you."

Well, I thought, at least she possessed the intuition and deductive reasoning required to make it as an investigative journalist on this team. Despite this, I worried about her. After all, doing the bidding of the Dark Lord, otherwise known as Editor Parsimonious Perkins, was never an easy thing. It required a superhuman threshold for humiliation and self-degradation as well as a certain panache for grovelling. I had seen Watt grovel; she had no panache.

On the other hand, my former sidekick Greg Hoekstra had demonstrated these qualities in spades. Sadly, however, he had recently left to follow his dream of becoming a professional *Where's Waldo?*

impersonator. He left me with the prophetic words, "It's a big world out there Steve, and I want to get lost in it."

Now, here I was saddled with another rookie reporter to show the ropes. She sat completely unaware that this summer she and her dignity would part ways.

"Well," she said, "is something wrong?"

I turned to face her and confessed.

"Between you and me, it's extremely risky for me to go near libraries."

She looked at me as if, sometime in my youth, an entire encyclopedia set had fallen from the top shelf and onto my head. Which in fact it had, several times, but that was beside the point.

"If it were anyone else, I wouldn't believe it," she replied. "But somehow, with you, this rings true."

"It is true," I said. "I have a checkered past when it comes to libraries."

"How bad can it be?" she asked.

"Bad enough that I needed to leave the country until the heat died down; I also changed my name several times, and only returned after I had extensive facial reconstruction and a severe height reduction. Even so, I still need to be very careful around librarians."

"Hold it! You had facial reconstruction and you chose that face?"

"It was all I could afford after the library fines," I answered.

I then explained to Jenn that I still

remained on the Most Wanted list in 16 separate library districts.

"For what?" she asked.

"Unpaid fines on overdue books mostly," I said. "But I am also wanted in three jurisdictions for giggling boisterously in quiet reading areas and for shuffling several card catalogues. Once, I even removed a book from the non-fiction shelf and placed it in the magazine rack."

That's when I knew that I had finally gone too far.

"Why?" she said, completely horrified. "You look so norm.... Okay, scratch that. But this still doesn't seem like you."

I looked her square in the eyes and told the rest of my sad tale.

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Watt meets with Haliburton County head librarian Bessie Sullivan, who is immediately suspicious of Galea, despite his disguise. *Where's Hoekstra?*

Galea finally fesses up

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"I couldn't help it. I was a bitter man back in those days. You see, I wanted to be a librarian in the worst way – which is, you'll note, the same way that I'm a journalist now. The difference is that as a librarian I was a natural. I had all the tools. I was an internationally recognized authority on the post-modernist era dust jackets; I could recite the Dewey decimal system cold, and I had a photographic memory regarding due dates and renewals."

"If you loved the library that much, why did you turn on it so savagely?" she asked.

Even now, it was hard for me not to be upset about it. "Jenn, don't you understand? I was almost a librarian, darn it! A librarian! I took all the tests. I passed the written and verbal components with flying colours," I began.

"What happened then?"

"I failed the physical," I hissed.

"You failed a librarian physical?"

"Couldn't reach the top shelf," I whis-

pered softly as my eyes welled up. "After that, I guess I just lashed out."

She looked at me and shook her head.

"You're not going to turn me in are you?" I asked. "That was a different time. I was a different man. I'm reformed now, I swear! I don't even violate the due date on processed cheese anymore."

As further proof, I showed her my library card.

"You're really proud of that thing aren't you?" she said, smiling.

"Does it show?"

"Well, I've never seen one that's been professionally framed before," she answered.

With that burden lifted from my shoulders, I began to breathe a little easier. I think Watt finally understood.

"Let's go to the library shall we?" she announced calmly.

"I'm scared," I admitted.

"There's nothing to be afraid of," she said quietly, in her best indoor voice. "Perkins just wants us to meet the new director of library services, Bessie Sullivan at the new library in Haliburton."



Once Sullivan recognized Galea, a hot pursuit commenced. Where's Hoekstra?

"Bessie Sullivan?" I screeched.

It was a name all too familiar to me.

Sullivan was the hard-nosed county library official in charge of my case file. Years ago, I had given her the slip in Budapest, and eluded her in Prague, and then again in Beijing, but only because I slipped her rickshaw driver an Ex-Lax – which was not pretty. Yes, Sullivan was good, but I always one step ahead of her. I was the one case she had failed to put on the shelf. And now we would meet again.

The question was, would she remember me?

When we arrived at the site of the new library in Head Lake Park, my keen investigative eyes took it all in.

"Jenn," I yelped, "this place has been burglarized. There's no roof, no books, no furniture, no carpeting. This is awful!"

"Actually, it's under construction," Bessie Sullivan replied as she stepped

silently out of the shadows. "Now shh-hhh."

Watt looked at me quizzically, and whispered, "Why is she hushing us?"

"She's a librarian," I answered. "She can't help it. If she wanted to, she could hush us in 12 languages."

Jenn greeted Bessie enthusiastically and then proceeded to make the introductions.

"Shhhhhhhh, it's very nice to meet you both. Shhhh," Sullivan said in her best library voice.

"Steve," she then asked, "there's something familiar about you. Shhhh. Have you ever been to Prague?"

"No," I whispered. "Never."

She looked at me again and then led us on a tour of the new library facility.

"Shhhhhhhhhhh. This is where the books will be," she whispered. "They'll be here too. And here. And here. And

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Bessie the librarian is stronger than she looks

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here. How about Budapest?"

"How many books will the new library house?" Jenn asked, trying to change the subject.

"Never mind that!" I blurted out defiantly. "Will this library facility be accessible to those of us with height issues?"

"Galea!" she exclaimed quietly. "I always knew we'd meet again."

"I thought you said you changed your name," Watt said.

"I did. For a while, I spelled it with a lower case g," I explained.

"As in galea?" She asked.

"No, as in gteve," I replied.

As Sullivan stared me down, I considered offering Watt an Ex-Lax. But, as fur-

ther proof of my reformation, I instead decided that this was my problem and that there should not be any collateral damage. So I bolted.

Several steps later, Sullivan had me cornered and a life or death tug-of-war for my library cards began. Years of stacking hardcover versions of *War and Peace*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Wuthering Heights* and *Moby Dick* had made her strong beyond belief. Before I knew it, she had confiscated all of my cards. It was identity theft at its most literary.

Terrified, I ran off with Sullivan in hot pursuit. Suddenly, it occurred to me that I had been eluding librarians for far too long. So I stopped, faced her, and breathing hard, grit my teeth, waiting for the inevitable high-risk take down that was sure to come.

"Shhhhhh and stand clear!" Sullivan yelled. "The last time I saw a look like that was on a rickshaw driver in Beijing. And, believe me, what happened next wasn't pretty."

"Relax, this is my normal look," I suggested, as put my hands up.

Sullivan soon put me in an iron-clad arm lock and called for back up. Before long, Vicki 1 and Vicki 2 showed up to cordon off the area and recommend

good reads.

"Book 'em!" Sullivan yelled triumphantly as they took me away.

The next day, I pleaded guilty to everything. Fortunately, the library system had mercy upon me and I was given time off for good behaviour.

For the first time in years, I felt no guilt. It was if another chapter in my life had passed. And that was long overdue, if you ask me.



Finally caught outside the new Haliburton library, Galea confesses to his crimes. Where's Hoekstra?



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The lessons of Sand County

Walking Softly • Column and photo by Steve Galea

If I could read and study only a single book that detailed the natural world and our impact on it, *A Sand County Almanac and Sketches Here and There* by revered naturalist Aldo Leopold would probably be the one I'd choose. First published in 1949, this book was quickly recognized as something special, and is now commonly regarded as a classic.

The reasons are many.

First, it is beautifully written. Leopold's literary style is spare, timeless, and poetic. With an incredible economy of words, he records personal observations of natural occurrences that he witnessed on his farm in a unique region of North America called the Sand County of Wisconsin. His writing is a pleasant mix of philosophy and natural history, with just the right touch of romanticism thrown in. There's genuine affection for the land in his words as he waxes eloquently about everything from catalpa worms and wildflowers to buffalo.

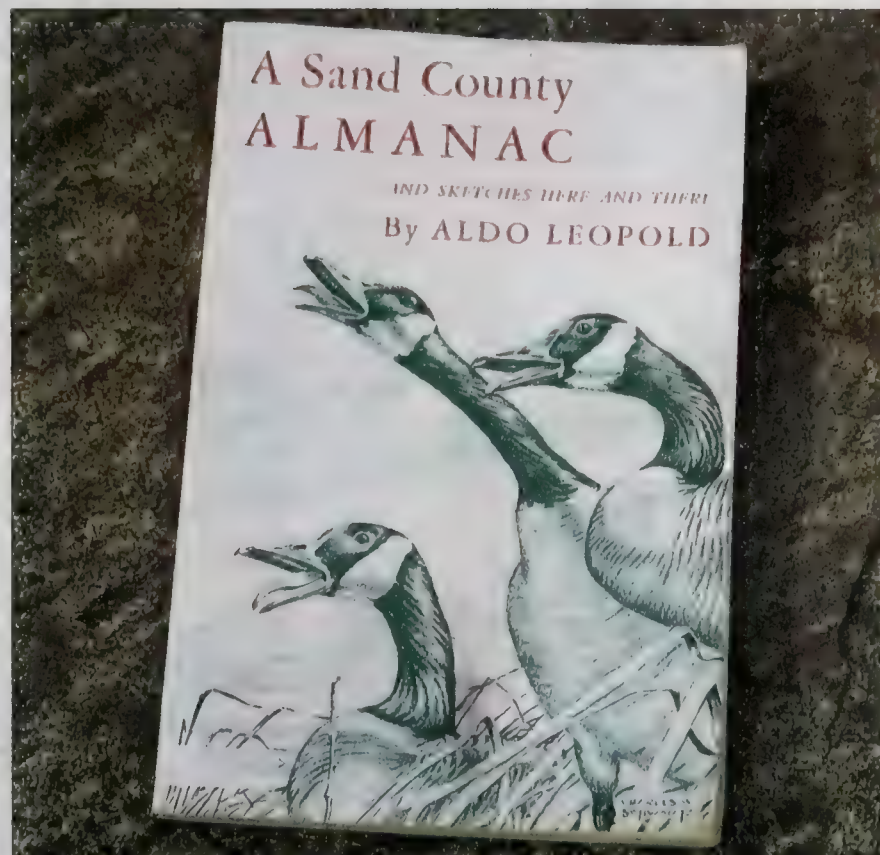
He begins with the simple sentences, "There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot. These essays are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot." It's fine writing, plainly spoken, and with purpose.

Leopold was more than a talented writer, however. He was a career naturalist who worked in the U.S. Forest Service in many

capacities. As such, he didn't see humanity as separate from nature. In fact, like many of the great naturalists, he was an ardent hunter whose reverence for the outdoors was beyond reproach. In fact, much of our modern conservation ethic was born or refined in those pages.

More than that, his scientific background and analytical mind allowed him to understand and explain what he saw. That, I think is the greatest gift that Leopold provides. His observations and explanations encourage would-be naturalists to think about the world around them and pay closer attention when they are outside. Nothing was too insignificant to escape Leopold's attention. Because of this, his writing touches upon the inter-connectedness of everything in nature. He constantly asked questions and tried to place things in context.

This is why this book, though written about a very special part of Wisconsin, is also valuable right here in Haliburton County and everywhere else. I can't think of any naturalist who would not be inspired by Leopold's curiosity and respect for the land and its denizens. Very gently, and perhaps even unwittingly, it teaches you how to consider the natural world. And it translates well through though it was written sixty years ago in a place far away.



A Sand County Almanac, and Sketches Here and There by Aldo Leopold is beautifully written and pertinent to Highlands readers.

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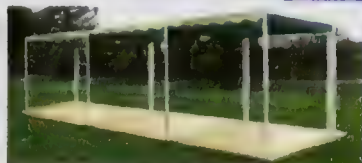
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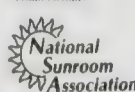
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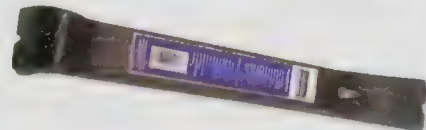
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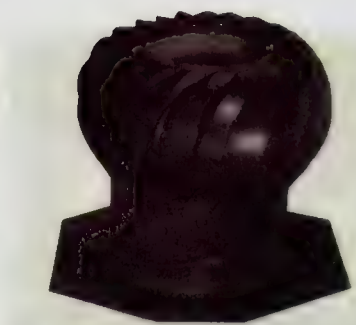
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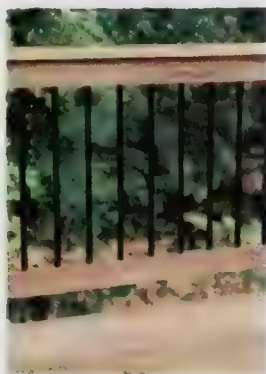
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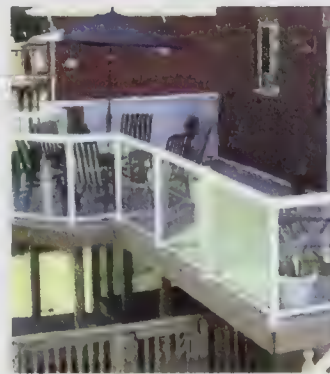


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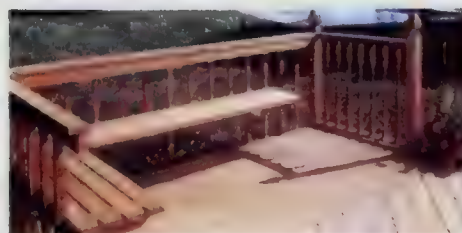
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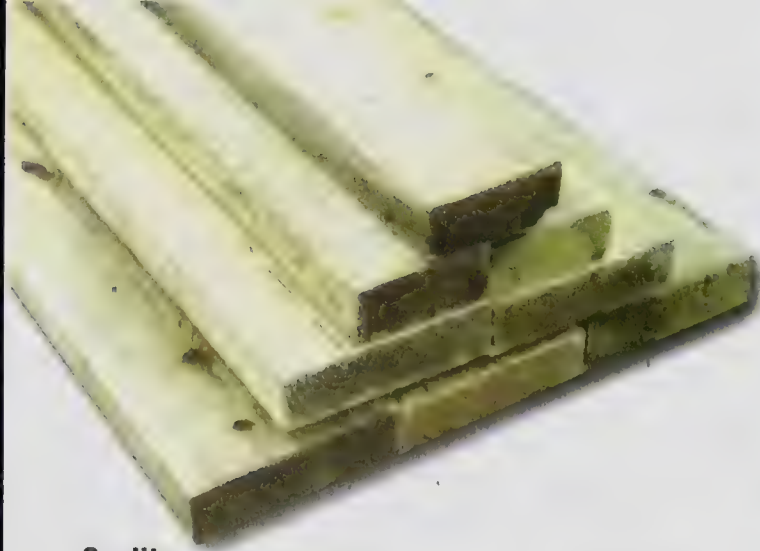
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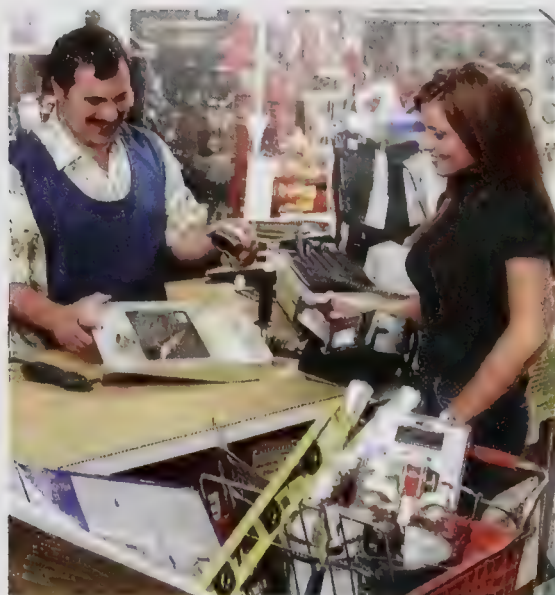


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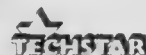
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- ✓ Steel Wool
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- ✓ Caulking
- ✓ Patching Compound
- ✓ Masking Tape
- ✓ Drop Cloths
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- ✓ Ladder
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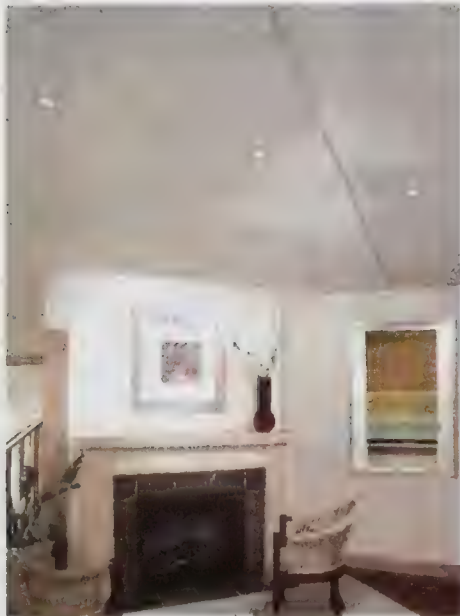
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You can recycle paint thinner. Cover the can and let it sit a few days until the paint settles to the bottom, then simply pour the clean thinner into its original can.

If you cannot finish a latex paint job, slip the brush or roller inside a plastic bag, push the air out, and tie the end shut. The paint will not dry out.



White Metal CEILING GRID

12-ft.
Main Beam

8⁹⁹
each

10-ft.
Wall Mound

4²⁹
each

2-ft.
Cross Tee

1⁵⁹
each

4-ft.
Cross Tee

2⁹⁵
each

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Ceiling Panels
For Drop Ceilings

9/16"
Fissured
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each

5/8"
Radar 2310
5⁹⁹
each

 **Armstrong**

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For Drop Ceilings

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each

Clear
9⁴⁰
each

your home improvement headquarters

4-ft. x 8-ft. x 1/2"

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11⁹⁷
sheet

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- For taping & finishing drywall
- For repairing cracks in drywall or plaster
- Other sizes available

16⁹⁹
20 kg
pail



clistle
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- Super strong
- Self-sticking
- Fiber-mesh

8⁹⁹
roll

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Castle 1" x 25-ft. TAPE MEASURE

- Finger tip pause control
- Non-slip jacketed grip
- 16" stud and 19.2" truss joist markings

3⁹⁹
each



Castle WORK GLOVES

Split leather palm, index finger and safety band

3⁹⁹
pair

Castlegard FIBERGLASS INSULATION

R12-15" batts - 3-1/2" thick
88.1 sq.ft. bundle

30⁹⁹
bundle

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44⁹⁹
bundle



2-ft. x 8-ft.

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roll



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- 6 mil.
- 500 sq. ft.

from **26⁹⁹**
roll

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3'3" x 32.8' (107.5 sq. ft.)

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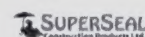
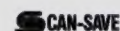
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179⁹⁹ roll

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- Stays flexible
- 300 ml
- Quality guarantee

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300 ml
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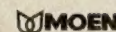
FORMATOP

from
15⁰⁰
sq. ft.



Pull-out KITCHEN FAUCET

- Stylish pull-out spout with 48" stainless steel hose
- Brushed nickel finish
- 3 hole installation



89⁹⁹
each



Faucet not included

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1⁷⁹
piece

2" x 4" x 8-ft.

2²⁹
piece

2" x 6" x 8-ft.

3⁶⁹
piece

4-ft. x 8-ft. x 23/32"

SANDED PLYWOOD

- Ideal for interior or exterior applications
- Waterproof glue

41⁹⁵
sheet

4-ft. x 8-ft.

HARDWOOD PLYWOODS

1/4" FLAT
SLICED OAK

32⁹⁹
sheet

1/4" KNOTTY PINE

39⁹⁹
sheet

1/4" BIRCH

29⁹⁹
sheet



4-ft. x 8-ft. x 1/2"

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4-ft. x 8-ft.

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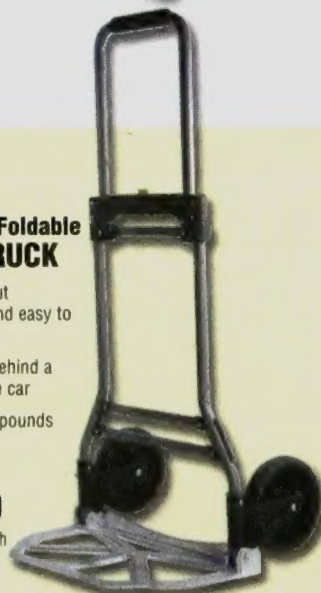
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